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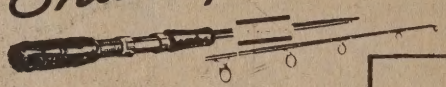

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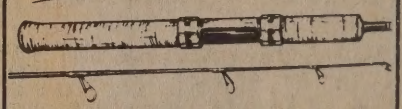

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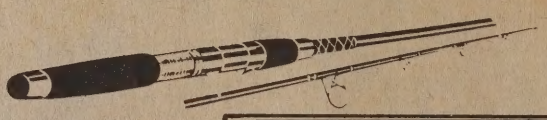

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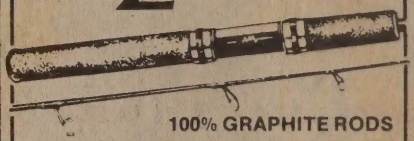

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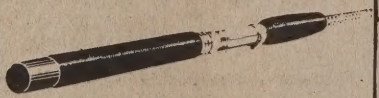

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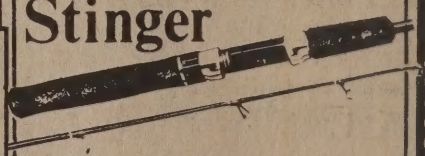

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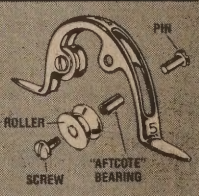

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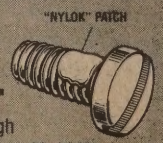

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If there are two things dear to the hearts of fishermen, the first has to be actually going fishing—and in second place, so close it's hard to tell from first place, is looking at and choosing new fishing equipment.

The opportunity to do just that is almost here, when the largest number of fishing tackle manufacturers and distributors ever brought together for any sportsmen's show in the Metropolitan New York area will display their products at the eighth annual World Fishing and Outdoor Exposition at Rockland Community College's Field House in Suffern, New York. The five-day show opens Wednesday, February 27 and runs through Sunday, March 3.

Among the hundreds of tackle makers who will be on hand are Abu-Garcia, DuPont-Stren, Shimano, Fenwick, Penn, Browning, Childre, Orvis, Cortland, Ryobi, Eagle Claw, Scientific Angler, Shakespeare, Berkley and Zebco, to name just a few.

Additional companies, including America's finest custom rod makers, include Rodon, Hardy, Winston, Sage, Vince Commings, Leonard and many others. Dozens of smaller companies, lure manufacturers and suppliers of every type of sport fishing gear will also be there, as well as many well-known retail outlets including Meltzer's, Ramsey, Betty and Nick's, plus a host of tackle shops, fly tying specialists and more. Most will offer considerable savings to show-goers.

Fishing boats, motors and canoes will be shown by many dealers; in fact, the marine section of the World Fishing and Outdoor Exposition is unlike that of any other sportsmen's show you may have seen. It's devoted exclusively to equipment that's practical for fishermen, whether your interest is fresh or salt water. The area's top dealers such as Lima and Sons, Ruston and Shepard's will be in attendance. The country's oldest canoe company, White Canoes of Orono, Maine, will be there. Shaw and Tenney, also from Orono, wil be showing their lines of wooden oars, paddles and canoe components.

On top of all this, there will be dozens of displays of the latest in terminal tackle, freshwater and saltwater lures, spinner baits, soft baits, crank baits and flies of every description.

And, if you want to find a good spot to use all this gear, you'll be able to talk with guides, outfitters and lodge operators from all over the U.S. and Canada!

Add Expo's unique seminar and clinic program featuring top names in the fishing world, which runs everyday of the show, and you have a super show, one that's sure to set you up in fine fashion for the 1985 season, and is guaranteed to cure the worst case of cabin fever.

The World Fishing and Outdoor Exposition is easy to get to: just take Exit 14B (Airmont Road) off the N.Y. Thruway (I-87). It's the first exit west of the northern end of the Garden State Parkway, and is about 10 minutes' drive from the Tappan Zee Bridge. There's ample free parking near the field house.

Show hours are from 1PM to 10PM Wednesday through Friday; from 9:30AM to 8PM on Saturday; and 10AM to 7PM on Sunday. Adult admission is only $5, while children under age 12 are admitted for $2. Admission includes all exhibits, events, seminars and clinics on the day of admission.

SABRE RODS COME EAST

Though little known until this year on the East Coast, Sabre rods have long dominated the West Coast saltwater scene. Both the yellow color of the Californian series and the "Stroker" actions have been widely copied by larger manufacturers, but Sabre remains the standard of excellence with West Coast marine anglers. Now Sabre is expanding to the East Coast, and the line (already available at several leading area retailers) will be displayed at the Suffern Fishing and Outdoor Exposition from February 27 to March 3.

Sabre president John Marcone, a native of the Bronx, will be at booth #237 to demonstrate his unique rods—all of which carry a lifetime warranty! Sabre is particularly well-known for the Stroker stand-up fighting rods which were developed under difficult circumstances by anglers fishing for 200 and 300 pound yellowfin tuna from long range party boats on trips to Baja California.

These rods seem short and very thin in comparison to those used by most local fishermen, but they are designed to provide maximum power and put the mechanical advantage in the angler's favor. With blanks extending through the butts and long foregrips, the Sabre Strokers enable the fisherman to overpower tough tuna and sharks from a standing position without "breaking your back."

Sabre rods are made in several series and of a variety of materials: E-glass, S-glass and a Grafast combination of graphite in the butt combining with an S-glass tip. Each rod covers a wide variety of line sizes, such as 20 to 50 pound and 30 to 80 pound. The custom 50 to 130 pound Strokers are very light, but will take a tremendous load and are virtually unbreakable.

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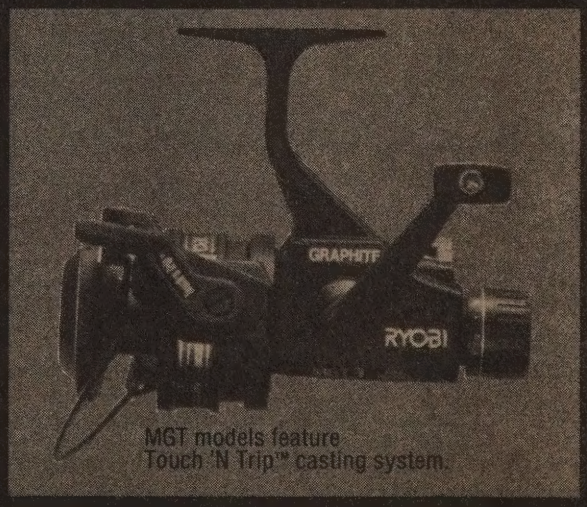

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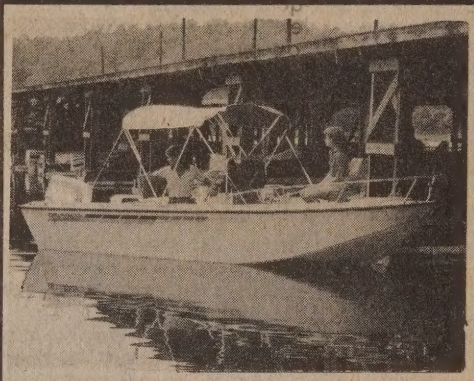

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Joining Marcone at the Sabre booth will be Al Ristori, a convert to the Strokers after using them for tuna aboard his Montauk-based Mako 25 charter boat "Sheri Berri" last year. As far as Ristori is concerned, for stand-up game fishing, "The Sabre Strokers are the answer."

YOUNG BOATERS COURSE IN BABYLON

Flotilla 1/1 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will be offering the New York State Young Boaters course starting March 2, 1985 from 9:30AM to Noon in the Babylon High School. This course is for 10 to 16 year olds. The course covers basic boating, boat handling, knots, and some first aid.

Upon successful completion of this course, the young boater will receive a certificate from New York State. Registration fee-$5.

For further information, call Betty McEachen at 669-2842 after 6PM.

HUDSON ANGLERS SHARK TOURNEY HELPING TO SUPPORT SEND-A-KID FISHING

The Hudson Anglers is sponsoring their 13th annual Shark Tournament on June 22nd. We are a non-profit fishing club, dedicated to promoting rod and reel angling, good sportsmanship and fair competition.

The tournament is open to all clubs and individuals who register with the Hudson Anglers at the Hudson Point Fishing Station, at the foot of Guy Lombardo Avenue, Freeport. The entry fee of $140 includes two portions of chum or bait, dockage, the challenge of fishing for large cash prizes, and a donation to The Long Island Fisherman "Send-a-Kid-Fishing" program. Cash prizes in the 1984 Tournament were greater than $15,000.

Entries paid before June 1st will be eligible for a drawing of a Penn International 50 reel to be picked at the captain's meeting on June 21st.

The tournament date is June 22nd, with a rain date June 23rd. The Captain's meeting will be held on June 21st and must be attended by the Captain or a member of the crew. The contest is limited to any species of shark over 100 pounds. The deadline for the weigh-in is 6:30PM at the Town of Hempstead-Guy Lombardo Marina.

Prize breakdown: 1st prize—60 percent cash. Lowrance X-16 Chart Recorder—Captain's award; 2nd prize—25 percent cash; 3rd prize—15 percent cash; and many non-cash prizes awarded according to weight.

For further information on applications, rules, dockage registration at the Town of Hempstead-Guy Lombardo Marina, call Ronnie Bauer, (516) 867-9608, (516) 378-1557 or

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The performance choice in spinning reel drags has historically been limited to two. Front drags that are difficult to adjust. Rear drags that are unpredictable.

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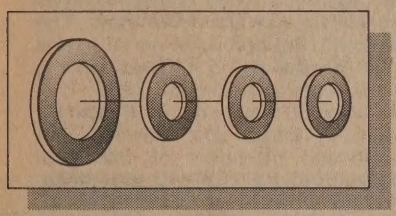

Actual size comparison of Magnum Drag discs vs. conventional rear drag discs.

The more you have to work with the more you have a right to expect.

The size difference between Quantum and conventional drag discs tells you what you can expect from Magnum Drag. More. More surface area means more range, control, precision, sensitivity.

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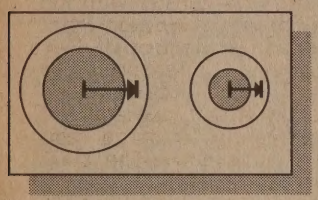

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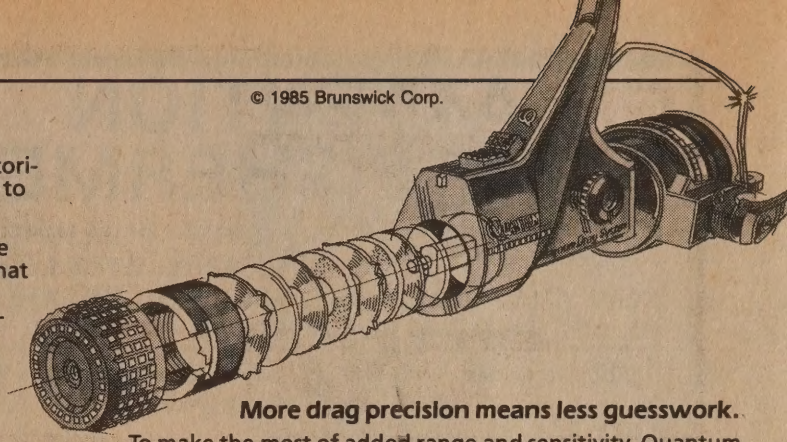
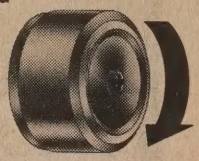


More drag precision means less guesswork.

To make the most of added range and sensitivity, Quantum engineering added precision. Every click on the Magnum Drag equals precisely one-quarter pound of pressure. No more. No less. You'll never "accidentally" dial yourself out of the fight by guesswork.



990° degrees of rotation, calibrated in 1/4-pound increments, deliver precise control of Quantum's drag range.

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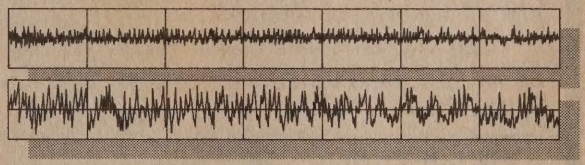

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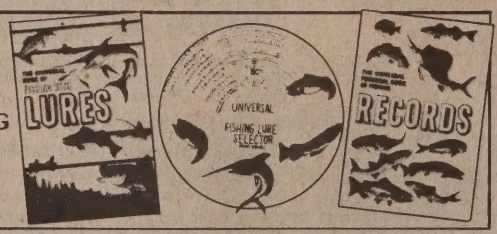

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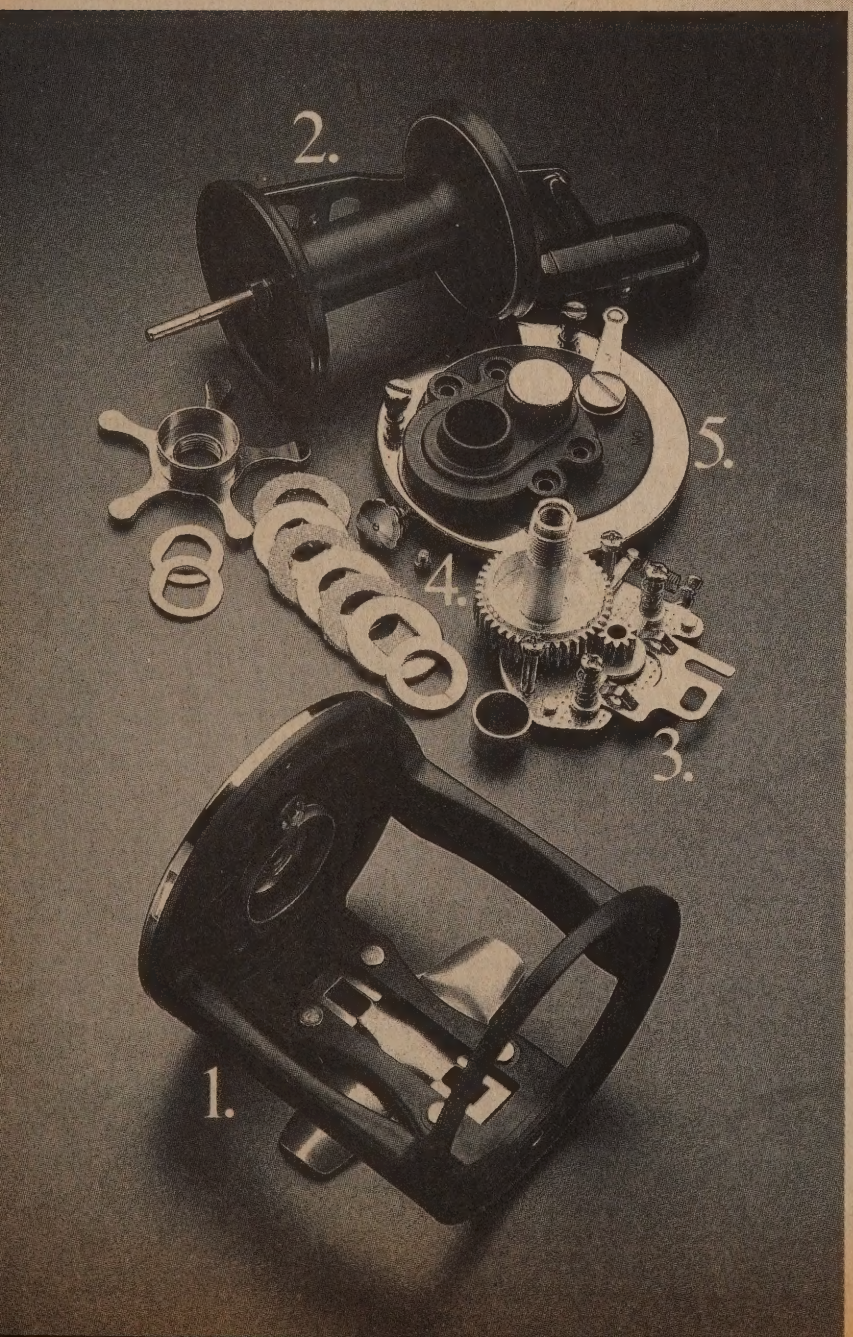

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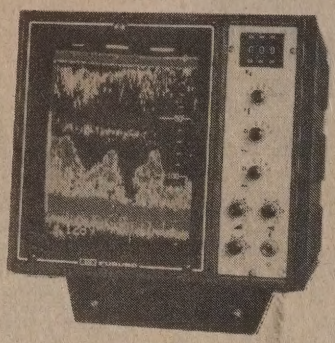

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Captain Zac Grossman of the Montauk charter boat "Mako Express," called to mention that he is available, with videotapes, for fishing club meetings. Call his winter number (914-834-8661) for scheduling and rates. He also informed us that he will be showing those tapes at the Sportsman's Expo at Suffern in Rockland County, where he will be representing Maxima fishing line.

BABYLON TUNA CLUB ELECTS '85 SLATE

The following officers for 1985 were elected at the Babylon Tuna Club's December meeting:

President: Joe Paradiso; Vice President: Willie Purves; Treasurer: John Raguso; Secretary: John Gremmo; Membership: Wolf Hager; Corr. Secretary: Fred Guardineer; Contest Chairman: Bob Otto and Al Kaich; Public Relations: Ray Seagren.

The membership would like to thank the outgoing officers for the fine job they did in 1984.

Persons who like to fish and support their club may obtain application information by writing to: Babylon Tuna Club, Attn: Wolf Hager, P.O. Box 123, Babylon, NY 11702.

COAST GUARD SEEKS COMMENTS ON VESSEL MARKING PROPOSAL

The Coast Guard is seeking public comment on proposed regulations which would require each vessel documented under the laws of the United States to carry the exterior marking "U.S." and the official number assigned by the Coast Guard. This proposed new system of exterior markings would replace the current requirement to mark each vessel with a "hailing port" and is based on public comments received in response to an advance notice published in May, 1984.

Under the proposed regulations, vessels already properly documented and marked when the proposed regulations become final would not have to meet the new marking requirements for five years, unless there is a change in the vessel's ownership or home port. Also, owners who want to continue to mark a home port or "hailing port" on their vessels for personal reasons in addition to the new markings could do so.

The proposed exterior markings would make it easier to identify definitely a vessel seen on the water. They would also provide substantial benefits in law enforcement, search and rescue, and other areas. In addition, marking expenses for vessel owners are expected to be less under the new system, since re-marking vessels due to changes in ownership or relocation of the owner would no longer be required.

Comments on the Notice of Proposed Rule Making, which was published in the Federal Register last Nov. 19, should be submitted to the Commandant (G-CMC/24), (CGD 84-027), U.S. Coast Guard, Washington, D.C. 20593, and should include the name and address of the person making them. For further information, contact Lieutenant Commander Robert R. Meeks, Office of Marine Safety, (202) 426-1493.

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Salmon fishermen won't want to miss "Lake Michigan," the story of the fight for survival by conservationists to save Lake Michigan for the sport fishermen. Their introduction of the coho salmon into the area created a fisherman's paradise. "Coming of the King," another film on conservation in the state of Michigan, shows the actual fertilization of eggs in the state hatcheries and plenty of fishing for anglers on beautiful Lake Michigan.

Join a father and son team in "Alaskan Gold Nuggets" as they pursue salmon and rainbow trout in the cold waters of Alaska, or "Grey Ghosts of Saskatchewan." Join Bill Cullerton, Fishing Hall of Famer, and his son Marc on Wollaston Lake pursuing the giant lake trout. A close call with Canada's wildlife provides an

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M.C.A. PRIZE WINNERS

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The winner in New York was Dennis Bierly from Applicia, NY who will sail with Captain Bob Storc on the charter boat "Caprice." Captain Joe McBride from the charter boat, "My Mate" will fish with Howard Green from Brooklyn, NY, the Nassau winner.

The M.C.A. also reminds us that there is another way to become a winner. Enter the M.C.A. annual Charity Shark Tournament held this year on July 6 and 7. For more information, applications or a list of available charter boats write: M.C.A. Charity Shark Tournament, P.O. Box 137, Montauk, NY 11954.

NEW YORK STATE TROUT FORUM

The New York State Council of Trout Unlimited announced plans this morning for their 15th annual New York State Trout Forum.

This year's Forum, hosted by the Ray Bergman Chapter will be held March 29th and 30th at the Sheraton Inn Middletown, New York.

Included in the weekend's festivities are trout fishing and cold water conservation seminars plus demonstrations and exhibits conducted by some of the best known outdoor writers, fly tyers and conservationists. A cocktail and book autographing party is featured for Friday evening, March 29th. Come and meet some of your favorite writers, fly tyers, and rod builders. The Saturday seminars and exhibits will be followed by a National Conservation Banquet and auction with Andy Walker, the funny man of fishing, as auctioneer.

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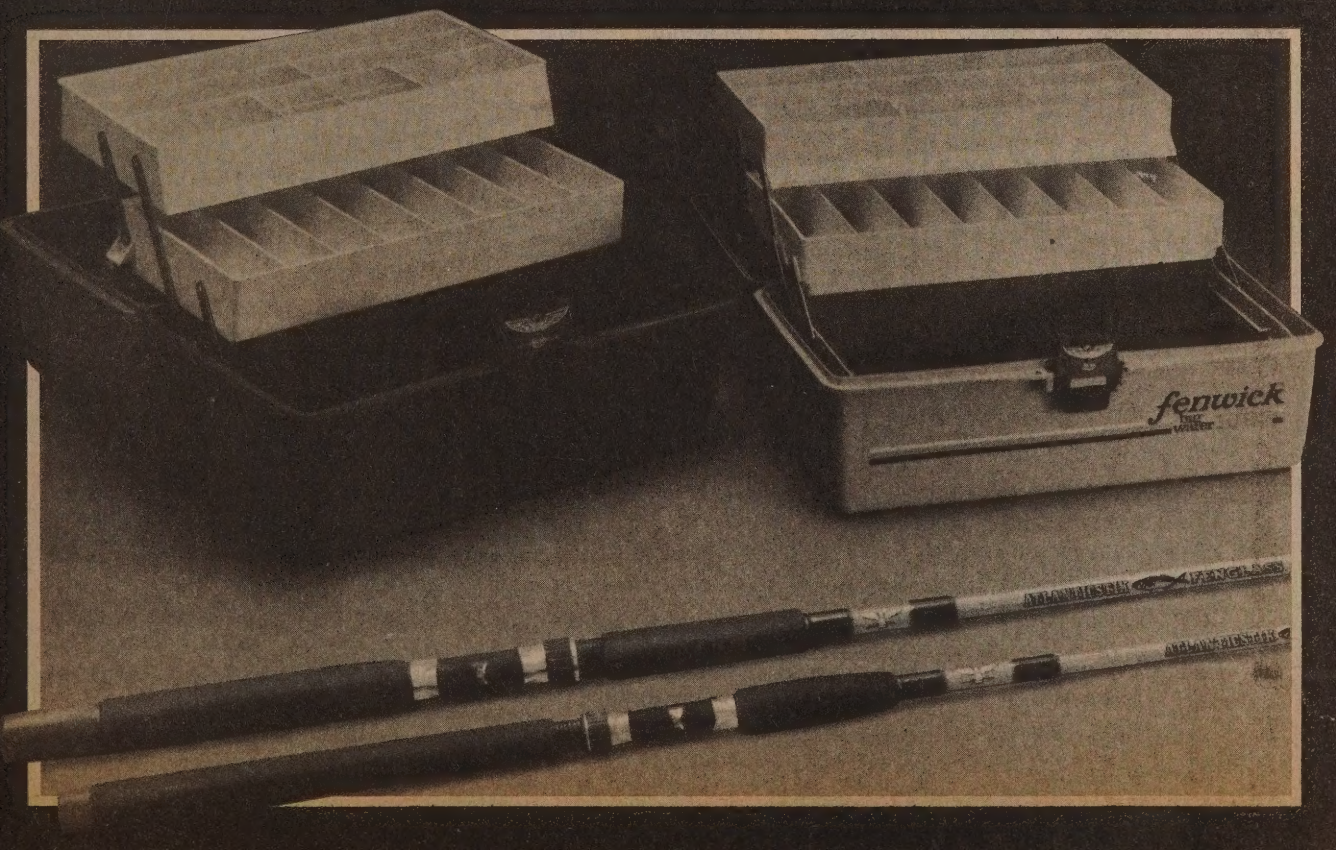

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LADY REELERS, INC. PRESENT AWARDS FOR '84 SEASON

The following winners were honored at the Club's 3rd Annual Awards Dinner held at the Brauhaus Restaurant, January 26th.

Marie Raycroft, blackfish 14.2; Juanita Venable, bluefish, 19.9; Karen Chalson, bluefin tuna, 165 lbs.; Lee Kessler, chinook salmon, 27.4; Carol Jaspers, flounder 3.4; Maureen Whalen, fluke, 5.13; Donna Pratt, pollack, 22 lbs.; Carol Jaspers, striped bass, 46.8; Alice Mohlenhoff, weakfish, 13.8.

Also, Joanne Vandriessche, Angler of the Year, Surf; Carol Jaspers, Angler of the Year, Inshore; Karen Chalson, Angler of the Year, Offshore; and Diane Camerlingo, Angler of the Year, Freshwater.

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SALTY FLYRODDERS OPEN HOUSE

"Salty" Flyrodders of New York, Inc., will feature Open House, March 4rh, 8PM, with regular raffle, fly tying and refreshments. Feature film will be "Tarpon on a Flyrod," by Stu Apte. All interested flyrodders are invited. For directions, or further information, call Don Avondolio at (516) 368-1155, after 6PM.

Bring your personal flyrodding problems, or questions to this meeting and club members will provide answers along with friendly camaraderie.

GATEWAY STRIPER CLUB ANNOUNCES NEW SLATE FOR '85

The Gateway Striper Club of Belle Harbor, New York wishes to announce the election of its new officers for 1985:

President—Ron Turbin; Vice President—Chuck Nemser; Treasurer—Jack Mendler; Recording Secretary—Jim McKay; Corresponding Secretary—John Hanson; Recorder—Jim Kerrigan; and Recorder—Bill Spodak.

With much thanks and deep appreciattion we say goodbye to our old officers. Their guidance and patience will surely be missed.

One more note: There are limited openings for new members. If you are interested, please come to our next meeting on March 14, 1985 at 8PM in the Main Building of Fort Tilden.

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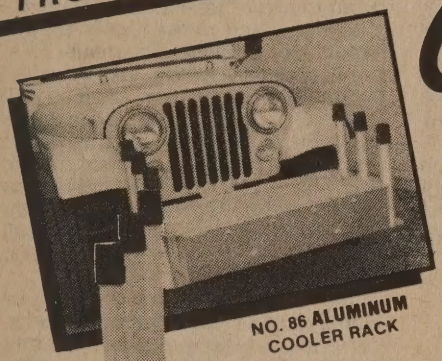

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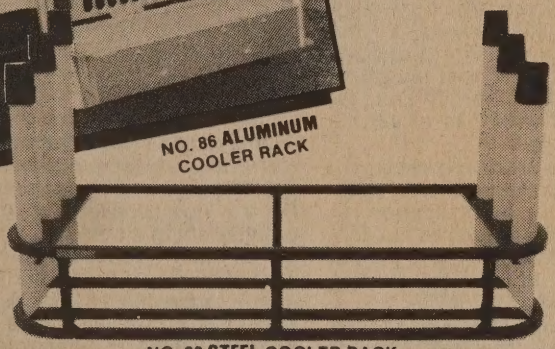

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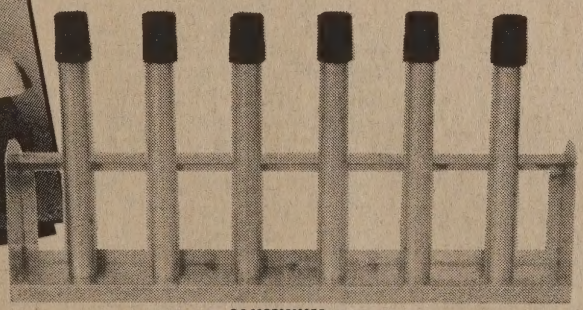

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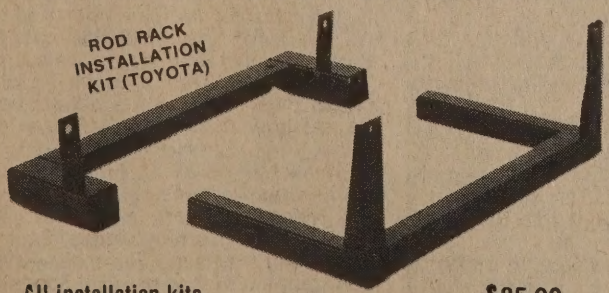

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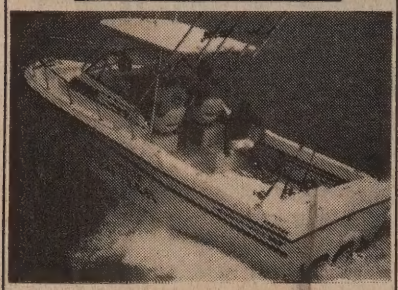

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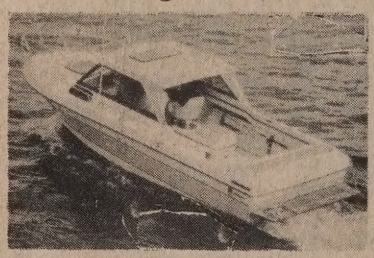

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PENN INTRODUCES MANUAL PICK-UP

Otto Henze founded Penn Reels with the motto, "Make it simple, make it work." And that's the idea behind the new manual pick-up conversion kit for Penn's large skirted spool spinning reels.

The kit, available from most Penn retailers, replaces the standard bail wire and line roller assembly on Penn's skirted spool 850SS, 750SS, 650SS, 550SS and the newer 757 and 747 spinning reels.

The two-piece kit, known as part No. 69-750, includes a new 3/4" pick-up finger and a counterbalance. It installs in just a few minutes and allows the angler to easily re-install the standard automatic pick-up system, should he so desire.

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In addition, anglers can use the system just as they would an automatic bail system, flipping the bail arm down to clear the line, then tripping it back into place with a turn of the reel handle—or tripping it manually.

Of course, getting used to the manual pick-up system takes a little practice, because the fisherman must now work harder while casting. That's why Penn offers this manual conversion kit only as an accessory. Most anglers are perfectly happy with the smooth-performing, automatic, full-bail assembly on Penn's skirted spool spinning reels.

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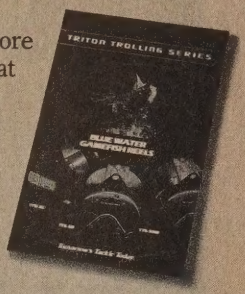

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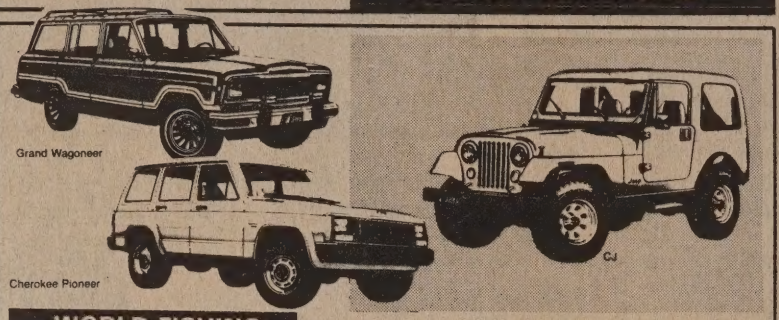

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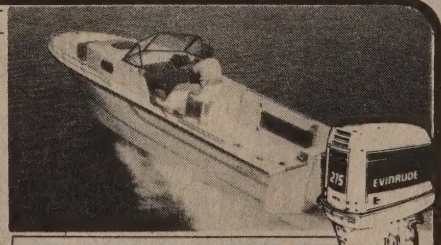

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CABELA'S INTRODUCES NEW LIGHT-LINE GRAPHITE FLY RODS

If skittish clear-water trout are "putting you down," or the catching of those frisky bluegill just doesn't seem to be quite the blast it was in the past, Cabela's Inc. of Sidney, Neb., suggests you try one of their new light-line Fish Eagle Graphite Fly Rods.

Two new rods, a 7 foot and a 7½ foot for 3-4 fly lines, were designed for the fly fisher who stalks trout in low, thin water where accuracy and delicate presentation are the most important factors between success and failure. The 7 foot rod lends itself especially well to small streams where you frequently fish in brushy "tunnels" and casting is restricted.

For anglers who like a little more length, there's the 7½ footer. Cabela's also recommends both rods for still waters such as beaver ponds, where even the slightest unnatural disturbance can send the trout for cover.

A new 9 foot rod for 4-5 fly line is great for casting to large trout when you're using very thin tippets and small flies. With this rod, you get the benefits of a light-line, delicate presentation, plus the extra length for longer casts and the leverage that is so helpful in landing larger fish. Cabela's says this is the rod to con-

sider if you fish limestone creeks, or if you plan to fish some of the highly touted spring creeks of the West, famous for large, but very wary and selective trout.

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BOATS FOR ANGLERS:

ROBALO 2120

by Pete Barrett

The folks at Robalo's design boards say their boats are "overbuilt." A close look at the 2120 center console Robalo will support this claim and disclose the many small things they do that add up to big things in the total boat.

The 2120 is typical of Robalo's workmanship, careful thought in layout and overall quality and she's one of those boats that lends itself to all kinds of saltwater fishing from inshore blues and weaks to battles offshore with tuna, sharks and marlin—and it's readily trailerable so you can take it anywhere.

The hull is a deep vee design for a soft, dry ride in all kinds of seas. During construction a special stringer system is installed before the inner liner is bonded to the outer hull. Closed cell foam is then pumped into all the spaces between both hulls. The result is a stiff, firm hull that gives a quiet, vibration-free ride and optimum fuel economy with no hull flex.

The fuel tank is baffled aluminum and is enclosed into a special fiberglass cell for ultimate protection. It can be removed if ever required for inspection or the rare chance it might need repairs.

The deck layout is excellent. A raised bow casting area holds two enormous hatches that drain overboard. Since they are surrounded by the inside hull foam they make good fish boxes. Most owners use one compartment as a fish box; the other as dry storage.

The console is set slightly forward so there's generous space aft of the helm for comfortable fishing for several anglers. The console itself has two large shelves for radios, graph recorder and Loran and each shelf box is covered with a smoke colored plexiglass window to keep out the weather and salt spray.

The forward console seat serves as a cooler for drinks and food. Rod storage is supplied along both sides of the console by built-in tubes that will take up to four rods and reels per side.

Access to the inside of the console is from the rear via a pair of sliding plexiglass doors. Foul weather gear, accessory gear, charts and valuables can be stored away from water spray. The electrical panel is located to the starboard of this access so servicing the system is easy.

Robalo was one of the early center console builders to stress the versatility of T-Tops and this option is a valuable asset on the 2120. Outriggers can be mounted on top of the two T-Top posts so they are off the gun'ls and completely out of the way. Rigged in this manner you still have a true center console with 360 degrees of walkaround.

Standard helm seats are okay, but a rocket launcher type of tackle seat with space for a cooler underneath would add a lot to the boat without sacrificing any room, only adding ex-

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tra storage for rods, rigging gear and the extra cooler.

Battery compartments are built into each transom corner and keep batteries higher than the water line. A fold-down splash well allows anglers to use every inch of transom deck space for wiring big fish, engine inspection, diving or docking. In the upright position the splash well keeps big seas out of the boat.

Teak covering boards run along 50 percent of each gun'l from the transom to the forward edge of the console. They provide support for rod holders and stainless hawse pipes. The teak doesn't look overdone and adds lots of class to the boat.

Under the gun'ls there are hefty teak rod holders that will hold up to three International style reels on each side. If you fish lighter gear, you could crisscross the rods and store up to 6 per side, plus the 8 on the console for a total of 14 rods.

For live bait fishermen there is a live well just forward of the transom splash well door.

The electrical system is neatly done and well thought out. All wiring is color coded, a schematic of the wiring is available, all connections are closed eye, not spade type that can pull loose, wiring panels have provision for expansion of the electric system when you add more electronics and the fuse holders are waterproof. These small details are typical of the "overbuilding" that goes into a Robalo.

Overall construction is top-notch. From the teak workmanship, to the glass smooth hull and the choice of components it's all high quality. Stainless is used everywhere possible including the welded stainless bow rail, console grab rail, cleats, hawse pipes, hinges and even the screws to secure the inner hull to the bonding edge of the outer hull.

Various options are available including a bow pulpit, tackle rigging station, Bimini top, side curtains, spray hood and a long list of items from independent manufacturers of T-Tops, radio boxes, seats and accessories. You can literally rig this 2120 for any kind of fishing from big tuna to simple fluke fishing.

The transom is available in 25" height for dual engine setups and a special single engine configuration also for a 25" height.

The 2120 is one of those "go anywhere, catch anything" kind of boats. It's rugged, well made and well thought out.

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SPECIFICATIONS

Length	21'4"
Beam	96"
Transom Height	25"
Hull Draft	12"
Maximum Horsepower	250
Dry Weight	2420 pounds
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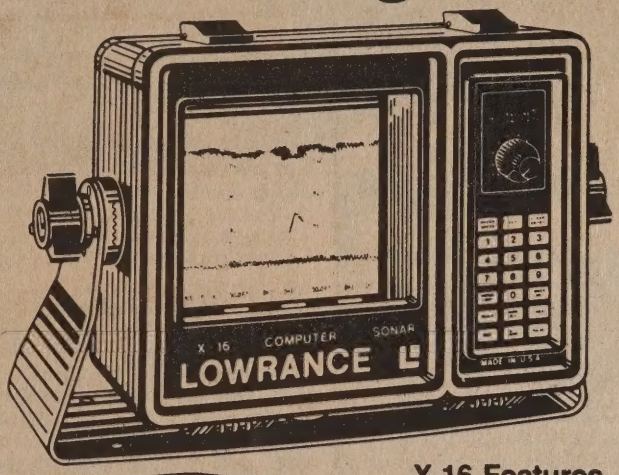

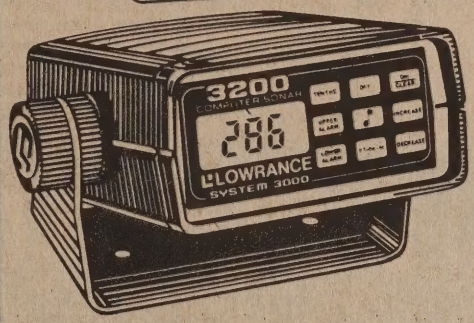

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by John Kungl

Dear John,
While making a repair to my boat, I accidentally cut the transducer cable to my chart recorder. Can I repair this with a set of coaxial connectors or do I have to buy and install an entirely new transducer? Dave Stone.

Dear Dave,
What seems to be the easiest solution in a problem like this is usually never the best. Most manufacturers will tell you never cut or shorten the cable to the transducer since the length is critical to its operation. Also, the connectors themselves, even when properly installed, present an interference to the signal being transmitted. My recommendation here is to return the transducer to the original manufacturer for replacement of the cable, or to obtain a new one. Many pieces of marine electronic equipment have the same problems with cut or damaged cables, including Lorans and VHF radios. Attempting to repair these cables can usually only lead to problems immediately or in the future. Always check with your local dealers before a do-it-yourself project turns into a do-it-yourself nightmare on the high seas.

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Dear John,
Less expensive Lorans don't have automatic notch filters. What are these and how do they affect the set? Is a Loran with automatic filters so much better than "manual" filters to be worth twice the price?
John Hanson.

Dear John,
Let's start by explaining what notch filters do. On many parts of our coastline, there are stations transmitting near the Loran frequency of 100 KHz, which can interfere with your Loran reception. These interfering stations are different in, say Florida, than in New York. The Loran manufacturers developed what is called the notch filter to rid the receiver of the interference. Naturally, the filters in New York would have to differ from the ones in Florida. If your Loran with manual filters was tuned in New York, it would be almost useless in Florida. That's why the automatic filter Lorans were developed, as they adjust to remove the interference in every area. Whether they are worth twice the price is determined by your use of the Loran. If you plan on only using your boat in a given area, a "manual" unit would be best. But if you plan on cruising along the coastline, the automatic would be most cost effective.

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Dear John,
I want to install a transducer glued directly to the inside bottom of my hull. The boat is fiberglass and a friend of mine warned me not to do this since the readings would be bad. What do you recommend? Stan Burke.

Dear Stan,
While this method of mounting is popular with sailboaters looking to eliminate every inch of drag on their hulls, it does have some drawbacks for fishing boats. Even when the transducer is mounted in an area of pure fiberglass and resin without air pockets and voids on the hull, there can be a loss of power radiated from the transducer, resulting in loss of depth range. Many modern manufacturers have built extra power into their units to overcome this drawback, but it would be wise to check the owner's manual for their recommendations as to location and specific type of transducer necessary for reliable readings of both fish and bottom.

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Dear John,
I recently tried to run under a bridge with my Loran antenna up. Result: one broken antenna. Just the fiberglass whip portion was broken, not the ceramic base with the cable attached. What should I replace?
Brad Morganstern.

Dear Brad,
I guess we've all tried to squeeze under a bridge at one time or another, but a minute of precaution for the antennas (and fishing rods, too) can often prevent an expensive repair. In your case, just the fiberglass whip needs replacement, since the matching network in the ceramic base was not damaged. Many Loran manufacturers recommend using a standard 102 inch fiberglass CB whip antenna for this purpose. Be sure to check out the system before you leave the dock

just in case there was some more damage you did not see.

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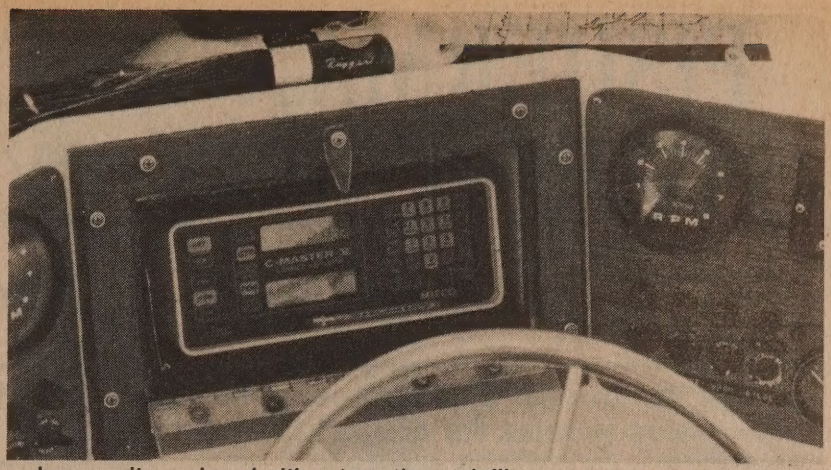
Dear John,

Since I do most of my fishing at the Canyons, I need a radio that can transmit long distances. I understand a Single Sideband is the best radio, but I'd like to know why. Won't a VHF with a power booster do the same thing? Why are power boosters illegal with the FCC if it makes them capable of transmitting further, increasing the safety of boaters? Bob D'Angeles.

Dear Bob,

You raise a good point here on the proper utilization of the radio spectrum we boaters have available to us. The FCC has made frequencies available for marine use in both the VHF-FM and HF-SSB bands. VHF-FM is primarily intended for short range communications, similar to both police and fire department radios. The maximum reliable communication distance is limited to line of sight or just over the horizon. This is the reason boats fishing the Canyons cannot be heard inshore and vice-versa. This range shortage is a blessing in disguise, since imagine how cluttered the airwaves would be if you could hear every transmission. Power boosters on VHF-FM buy you little in the way of distance due to the horizon



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effect, but contribute much to the interference of other stations trying to use the channel legally. The FCC has decided that 25 watts is just about the maximum power needed for reliable communications over the distances covered by VHF-FM. Incidentally, try using the low power setting on your VHF as much as possible. You might be surprised at the distance you get, as well as opening the channel to a boater not too far away. If you need to transmit longer distances, Single Sideband is the route to go. Transmitting on the HF Shortwave Bands, these radios are capable of hundreds and even thousands of miles of reliable communications. Many frequencies are available which give the same service as VHF, and with the availability of digital readout and automatic antenna tuning, you no longer need a degree in radio engineering to operate one. Visit one of the local marine radio dealers and ask for a demonstration of SSB, and I'm sure you'll be amazed at their ease of operation. I hope this has given you some guidelines for the proper usage of the airwaves available to us.

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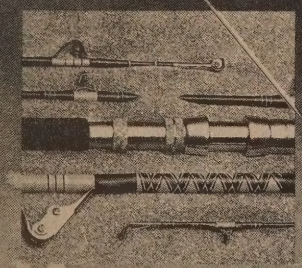

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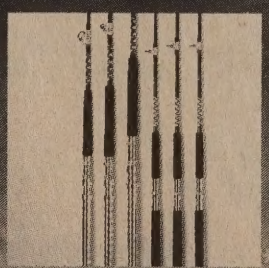

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CG 7502	7'0"	M	1	12-20	1-2½	16.1
CG 7503	7'6"	M	1	12-20	1-2½	17.3
CG 7504	6'6"	XH	1	30-50	1¼-4	16.6
CG 7505	6'6"	MH	1	15-25	1-3	15.2
CG 7506	7'0"	MH	1	15-25	1-3	16.1
CG 7508	7'0"	H	1	20-35	1-3½	16.5
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M—Medium; MH—Medium Heavy; XH—Extra Heavy.

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FISHERMAN SPONSORED COMPETITIONS EXPANDING

by William A. Muller

A trio of new derbies geared for inshore anglers and designed to raise monies for a sport fishing fund make their debut in 1985.

We're very pleased and proud to announce an expanded series of competitive activities that The Fisherman supports, organizes, and/or sponsors for recreational fishermen in our area. Although we'll provide more details on specific activities as we approach each of them, we thought it might be helpful for you to know of these plans for the year so as to be convenient for you to map out your strategies. Look for detailed articles on specific contests in future issues.

We at The Fisherman feel these activities are extremely important for several reasons. First, although there have been any number of big game glamour species contests and tournaments for some years, looking around for competitive events that can be associated with typical inshore Long Island fishing activities will be quite unproductive. Unproductive, that is, until now.

We wanted to provide a forum for fishermen with substantial angling skills to both test these abilities and express them. We wanted competition that would not favor adults over children or the affluent over the less affluent. Although these contests may not eliminate all bias, they do go a long way to provide a suitable and fair platform for competition among anglers for species that are otherwise neglected in contest schedules.

We also wanted to provide our readers with avenues to meet new friends; fishermen like themselves who stalk other territories. Comradeship is a major benefit of fishing, yet it is often difficult to make new fishing friends due to the hustle and bustle of our lives, a natural reluctance to take a chance and habits of where and who

The addition of Fisherman sponsored flounder and fluke derbies to the '85 tournament schedule will guarantee inshore anglers a chance to partake in some good-natured competition. Entry fees will be used for the benefit of recreational angling in the New York marine district.

we fish with. Local events and their awards ceremonies have a way of making everybody jovial and talkative.

Some of these activities are not new. Many of you are already familiar with the Angling Award program, now many years in tradition, the State Record Program which has been moving along smartly for several years, and the New York Surf Fishing Contest, now in its sixth year, and the Surf Derby that we inagurated in 1983. These have been successful contests that have stimulated interest and a transfer of fishing knowledge from fisherman to fisherman. These have been "clean" activities from all we can glean from feedback. That is, fishermen have supported these contests and enjoyed the competition without some of the ugly blackeyes that some other contests have had. These derbies and contests have been clean mostly because participants have been vigorous and committed to keeping it fun. Self-policing is always the best way.

We want our new contests to be fun and we are confident they'll stay "clean," because you'll want them that way. Let's remember that another and very important reason why we started some of these competitions was to raise money for appropriate worthy causes related to recreational fishing. In short, we hope to use these funds to do some good work that otherwise would not get done for us by industry or government. To that purpose we have established a special Foundation Fund.

These contests do not generate tremendous amounts of money. After prizes are taken out there isn't a fortune left over. However, each contest with your support, generates a little more money and the fund gets larger. The skillful angling activity does **not** contribute to the fund, **neither** does the State Record Program, the New York Surf Fishing Contest, or the Longcasting Tournament. These activities do not generate fund money because there are no entry fees and The Fisherman financially supports these activities that so many thousands of fishermen enjoy each year.

The four derbies are intended for the purpose of generating funds for the Foundation. Please remember that your small entry fee of $5 pays for the prizes and a little bit for the fund. Soon there will be enough in the Fund so we can begin to make awards to worthwhile causes. Our sister publication in New Jersey has already been able to support several marvelous and worthwhile projects with fund money. Long Island won't be far behind.

We urge you to participate in as many of these activities as you can. They are after all, for you. We know you'll support the derbies with enthusiasm too, and we are most confident that they will be a lot of fun and excitement for a lot of fishermen of all ages.

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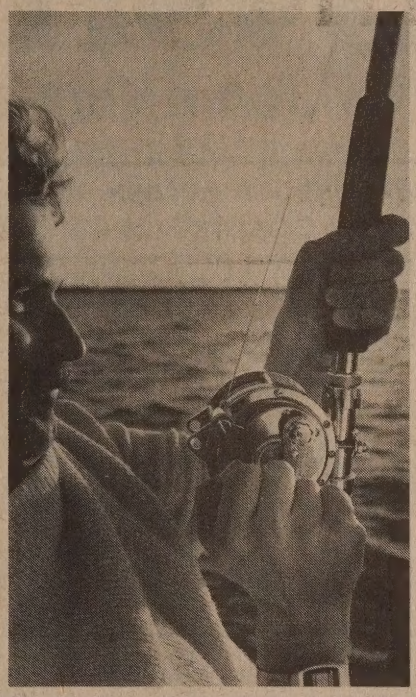

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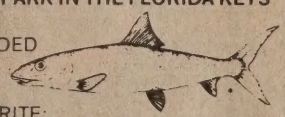

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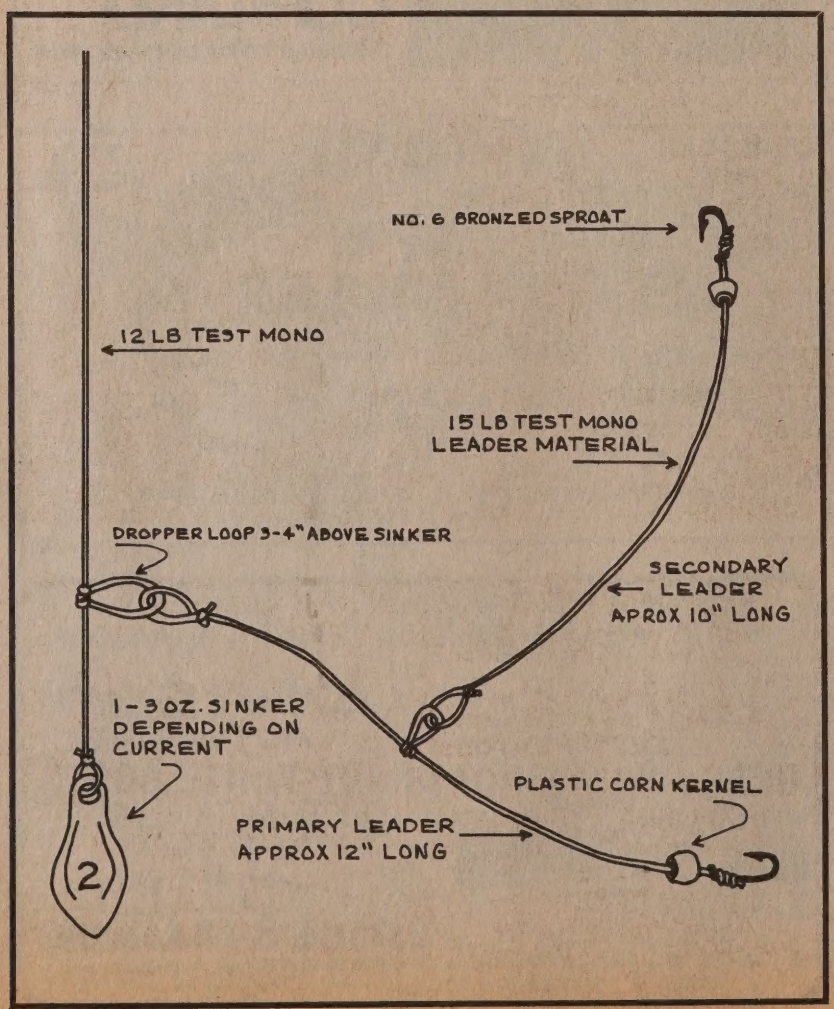
QUOGUE CANAL REVISITED

by John Konior

Despite increasingly difficult access, the banks of the Quogue Canal continue to pay dividends to early season flatfish fans.

Fishing for flounder is one of my favorite pastimes. I was reminiscing the other day thinking back to the extraordinary success I've had catching them and went through an exercise in my mind recalling the best spots. Although I owned a boat when I resided on Long Island, one area kept coming back which did not require a boat. It was the Quogue Canal! My first experience with the canal goes back to 1971. I resided in Queens and frequented Joey's Bar. Joey's Bar was typical of the neighborhood bars found in amost any small New York community. At that time Joey was in his late 60s and despite his maturity, Joey could drink anyone under the table—as I sadly discovered on a number of occasions. It also was a practice of Joey's to cook up a batch of pasta and fish every Friday evening which he offered free to his patrons. The food was on the spicy side so you didn't mind buying a few drinks. Moreover, for every three drinks you bought, the fourth was on the house, and the practice became more liberal as the evening wore on. Joey's was also a meeting place for quite a few fishermen where tall tales were told well into the night. It was Joey himself, one late Friday evening that let on to a secret fishing hole. Mind you, Joey didn't confide in everyone; in fact he seldom joined in during discussions concerning fishing exploits. However, whenever these discussions went on, it appeared that he maintained a "Mona Lisa" smile throughout as if to say, "what do you guys know... I know the best spot of all, but I'm not gonna tell you."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Joey and I got to be quite friendly. I often donated fish for his Friday ritual. So on that particular Friday night, almost 14 years ago, Joey told me about the Quogue Canal. Joey had been fishing the canal the better part of 30 years, long before there were any houses, or for that matter, roads contemplated in the area. He related the fantastic fishing he had had, but because of his business and the driving distance, he hadn't been there for quite a few years. He had fished off the dock at the west end of the canal. As to how to get there, all he advised was to take Montauk Highway and head east until arriving in the town of Quogue, then just follow the signs to the dock.

One of the secrets of the canal is that the public area is not the only area to fish along it. Being an explorer at heart I discovered several other spots which I kept to myself these long years. Now, with many more houses in the area, access has become somewhat limited. So at the risk of cutting off my own access, as well as infringing on the rights of residents I can't tell you specifically how to locate these spots, but instead leave the exploring to you.

I still believe the canal, wherever you fish along it, represents one of the finest fishing holes on Long Island. It's one of the very few places left that the shorebound angler has a chance to outfish boaters. My favorite times of year to fish the canal are early March (snow or no snow, ice floes or not) through late April, and mid-September through early December. The canal can also be a hotspot for fluke and weaks, with an occasional striper mixed in, but summer boat traffic and vacation crowds and residents place a damper on the fishing and access.

The type of bait you use has a lot to do with success. During March, bank mussels do the trick. By the end of the month, clams (natural or yellow dyed) work, and by the second week in April bloodworms and red dyed clams work best. A technique I use is to combine different baits on a hook, or one kind of bait on one hook, a different bait on the second hook. During the fall, blood and sand worms work best through mid-November, but natural clams better in late November through the end of the season. On a number of trips I also caught blackfish, particularly on sandworms, from mid-October through mid-November. Regardless of what season or which baits I use, I always brought along a can of whole kernel corn. I tip each hook with a kernel; and believe me, it works, especially when fishing is otherwise slow.

My rig is simple. I tie two hooks in tandem attached to a dropper loop tied 3 to 4 inches above the sinker. However, before I tie the hook to the leader, I slip a plastic corn kernel on the leader. My hook choice is a #6 Sproat, short shank, bronze finish. This simple rig when using the Sproat hooks will result in more fish caught than any other rig/hook pattern, especially at the canal. Currents are seldom very swift which allows you to use light sinkers (1-3 oz.). However, in order to obtain more bites, the sinker should be light enough to allow the current to move your rig along the bottom slowly.

I keep my outfit simple too: a light/medium action 7 foot spinning rod, light/medium grade saltwater spinning reel loaded with 12 lb. test mono. I use 15 lb. test mono for leader material to gain stiffness as opposed to added strength. To round out all the rest of the equipment required to fish the canal, bring along an extra rod and reel, spare sinkers and rigs, a couple of sand spikes and a pail to hold your catch. When fishing is slow, I use both rods and am often rewarded with simultaneous hits. A peculiarity of the canal is that I have caught more double headers there as compared to any other area I have fished for flounder.

To whet your appetite further, you're apt to catch quite a few large fish, especially during April and October, with fish over 2 lbs. not uncommon. My average take home catch exceeds 20 fish, but there are days where it exceeded 50 fish (or could easily have, if it were not for my practice of returning to the water the small ones and taking only what myself and my family could eat—and they all loved flounder fillets). Another nice thing about the canal is that it's not very wide, so you don't have to cast your arms off attempting to reach the fish. A cast of 50 to 75 feet is far enough to get you into the action.

As I look back to that first day, I have to thank Joey, wherever he may be, for steering me in the direction of flounder heaven.

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RIGGING OUT AN EFFICIENT SURF BELT

by Tom FitzSimmons

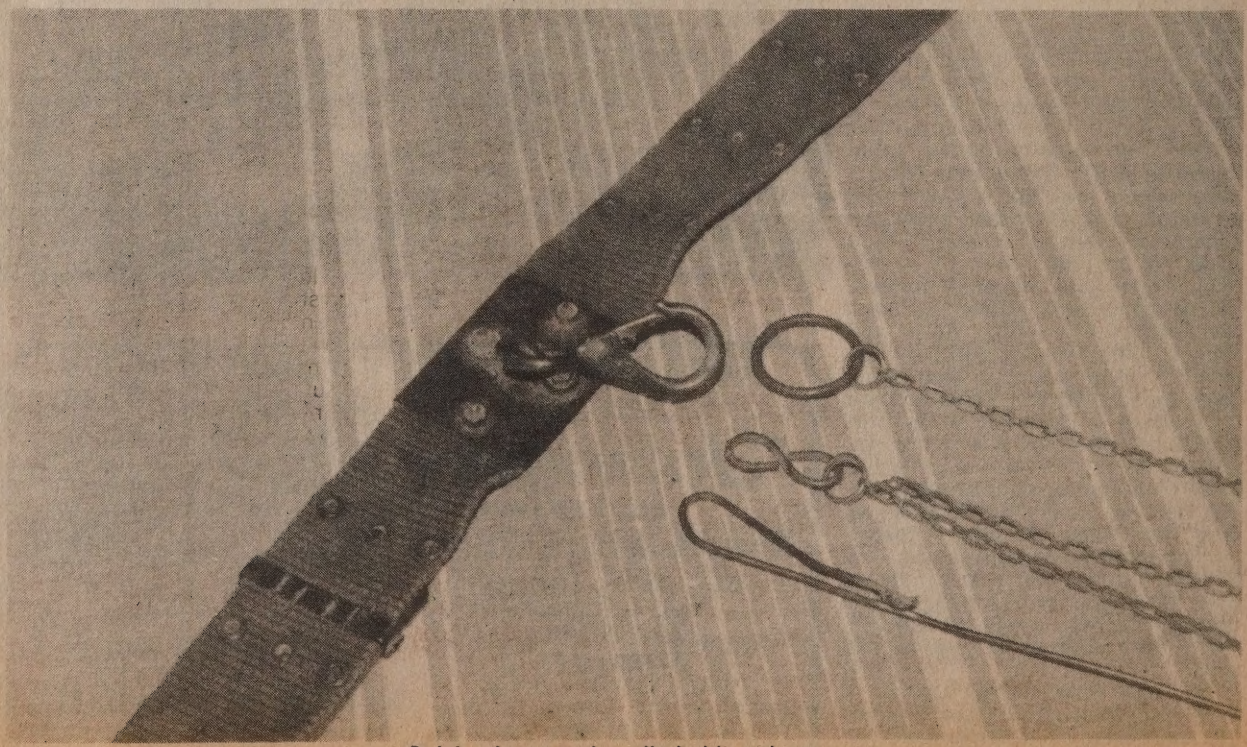
This vital piece of surf gear serves as a "hanger" for some important tools of the trade.

When you fish the surf in waders, one necessary item of equipment you should have is a surf belt. I've seen many types of belts worn by surf fishermen, varying from a piece of rope tied tightly around the waist, to regular trouser belts or skin diver weight belts. The belt I prefer to use is the web-type Army pistol belt. The surf belt serves two main purposes. First, by being attached snugly at the waist, it helps protect you by preventing large quantities of water from filling up your waders should you slip and fall while fishing. It also aids in preventing water entry when you fish the ocean beaches and a wave you didn't see coming, hits you on that one evening when you didn't remember to wear your surf top. The second function of a surf belt is to allow you added versatility by giving you a place to attach a gaff, a knife and a stringer. There have also been occasions when I've seen some fishermen add a small plug bag to the belt.

Although the first purpose should be considered the most important, the use of the belt for carrying additional and necessary equipment has become its prime function with most surf fishermen.

The Army issue web pistol belt is well suited for both purposes. It is corrosion resistant because of its construction. All the fittings are brass and therefore, will not rust from repeated contact with salt water. It provides several rows of evenly spaced holes made with brass rivets which aid in the attachment of equipment. It is adjustable and comes in several waist size ranges. The pistol belt is also constructed very well and after even eight or ten years of use it shows virtually no sign of wear. The buckle holds the belt on simply by fitting one end through the slot in the other. This allows you to remove the belt quickly and easily should an emergency arise. This is an important feature. If you are going to wear a belt in the surf it should be a type that will release quickly. If while fishing, you happen to fall and get carried away by the current, you would want to get out of your waders as quickly as possible. If you are wearing a belt that is tough to release, such as a rope type belt, the combination of the time involved in untying the knot and the state of panic you would likely be in, could cost you your life.

New pistol belts may be hard to find, but if you have a friend or relative in the Armed Forces or a reserve unit you might ask them to purchase one for you. Another means of obtaining one would be from Army-Navy surplus equipment outlets. Used belts can be found here and by looking through the selection you can usually find one that hasn't been abused too much. Or, you might even call around to a few tackle stores to see if they might have some available. Be careful though, since there are some belts offered for sale which at first glance



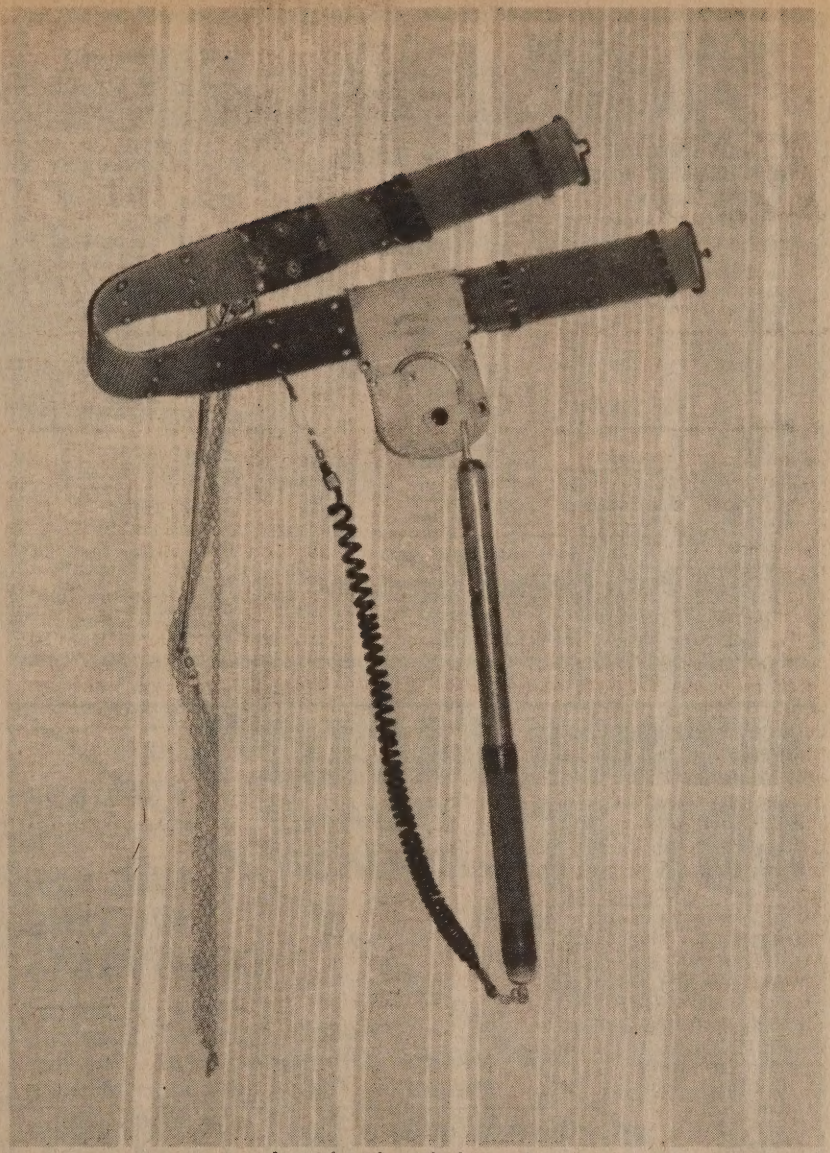
Quick release spring clip holds stringer.

look like the Army issue belts but are really poor imitations which will not hold up under the abuse you will give it while surf fishing. The buckle and other hardware on these imitations are made of steel and will rust. At one time, Sears made a web-type work belt of similar design with an aluminum buckle and eyelets. If it is still available, it should hold up fairly well.

As I mentioned earlier, the belt is ideal for attachment of a gaff, stringer, etc. These items of equipment can be purchased at your local tackle store or constructed in your own workshop. The stringer is used to hold the fish that you've caught and intend to take home as dinner for the family. Although some fishermen use rop or nylon stringers, many experienced surf fishermen prefer to make their own chain stringers. All that is required is the following: about 8 or 10 feet of brass jack or sash chain; 1, 18" brass, bronze or stainless steel rod; 3, #9 stainless steel split rings; 1, 1¾" brass S hooks; 1, 1-5/8" diameter bronze or stainless steel ring (closed); 1, 4/0 barrel swivel; 1, 3"x6¾", 18 oz. copper plate; 1, 2-7/8" long, bronze deck loop; 4 brass round head bolts with nuts and washers; and some thin copper wire.

To assemble the stringer, begin by putting one large stainless steel split ring through each end of the chain. To one of the split rings add the large 4/0 barrel swivel to the other split ring, attach the 1-5/8" diameter stainless steel or bronze ring. At the center of the length of the chain add the third split ring, then attach the brass S hook through the split ring (crimp both ends) of the S hook. Take the brass rod and bend it into the shape as shown in the photograph. The large loop should be about 4" long and should easily fit through the bronze ring. Then attach the rod to the chain through the eye of the swivel. Bend the rod into a 3/4 inch diameter eye loop. Both loops on the rod should have about 1/2 inch at the end laying flat against the shaft of the rod. Wrap this 1/2 inch length tightly with the copper wire securing the loop to the shaft. Solder this joint to secure the rod. That completes the chain portion.

Next, take the surf belt and lay it on the workbench. After deciding at which side (right or left) you want your stringer located and how far back you want to place it, cut the copper to size and wrap the copper plate around the belt (remember to remove any sharp edges first). Use a rubber mallet to flatten the plate as you go around, making sure to center the plate to cover two rows of holes in the belt. Also make certain to start and stop with the ends of the plate on the inside face (wader side) of the belt. Drill through the copper and the two center holes at each end of the plate, insert the round head brass bolts through the holes with the heads on the inside face of the belt (this will help eliminate any punctures in your waders caused by the bolt threads). Use small brass washers on each side, put the brass nuts on and tighten them up. Lay out the deck loop so it is centered on the plate on the outside face of the belt. Mark the hole locations. Now drill through the plate and web belt. Insert a brass bolt with washer from the inside face of the belt, locate the bronze deck loop on the bolts, slip the spring clip on, then add another washer and nut and tighten up the bolts.



Armed and ready for action.

Add the stringer to the spring clip first by snapping on the bronze ring, then the center S hook and last, the large loop on the rod. This rod with the loop end allows you to string the fish by passing the rod through the gills and out the mouth of the fish. The large loop gives you something to grab so you don't lose a finger getting too close to the teeth of a large bluefish.

Basically, the stringer functions in three ways. One, by unsnapping the rod end, stringing the fish and snapping the loop back on the clip. If you want the fish further away from you in the water, which is usually the case, unsnap the rod loop and the S hook, string the fish and then resnap the rod loop only. If you want the fish further still, unsnap the rod loop, the S hook and the bronze ring, string the first fish then put the rod loop through the bronze ring, string the first fish then put the rod loop through the bronze ring and resnap the rod loop to the clip. This will tighten around the first fish and act as a stop for any other fish you add to the stringer. Some surf fishermen prefer a chain up to 12 feet long so that if they have fish on the stringer when wading in deep water far off the beach, the fish will be carried by the current as far away as possible in the event that a shark happens by and decides to have a snack. If this occurs, the fisherman could quickly release the rod loop from the spring clip and let the shark enjoy his meal while beating a slow

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Begin by drilling a hole at one end of the dowel deep enough to embed the gaff hook shaft. Then, with a 1/8'' drill make a hole from one side of the dowel through the hole you bored in the end and then out the opposite side. Repeat this again 90 degrees around the other side of the dowel. This allows the epoxy to escape when the gaff hook is pressed into place. Next fill the large hole with the epoxy right to the top then push the gaff hook into position and wipe off the excess epoxy that seeps through the 1/8'' holes. Allow the epoxy to dry.

At the other end of the dowel, screw in the brass eye hook, then use sandpaper to ease and round the two ends of the dowel to give it a clean, finished look. You may even wish to apply one or two coats of polyurethane to protect the dowel. Next, wrap the handle end of the gaff with the cork tape to make a handle about 7 to 8 inches long. Use the electrical tape to secure the ends of the cork tape to the dowel. Attach the split ring to the eye hook and add the barrel swivel to the split ring. Slide a copper fitting over the telephone cord, pass the cord through the barrel swivel and back again through the copper fittings. Crimp the fitting closed tightly around the cord. Repeat this to attach the snap swivel to the other end of the cord. Next, it will be necessary to purchase a leather sheath to hold the gaff hook on the belt. Put it at a comfortable and handy position on the belt and attach the brass S hook through one of the bottom holes in the belt just to the rear of the sheath. Attach the gaff cord to the S hook with the snap swivel. Secure the gaff hook in the sh sheath and you're ready to go.

The stringer and gaff are, as you can see, easy projects to construct, and when they are completed, they will aid in making you more efficient when surf fishing, and the more efficient you become equipment-wise, the more proficient you can become fishing wise. Remember that providing yourself with the proper equipment to do any job or project correclty is important whether it's building something in your workshop, or surf fishing. With the season fast approaching, take some time and work on your equipment so when you're out fishing, it works for you and not against you.

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TROPHY BROWNS OF LAKE ONTARIO

Part One—*by Lou Truppi*

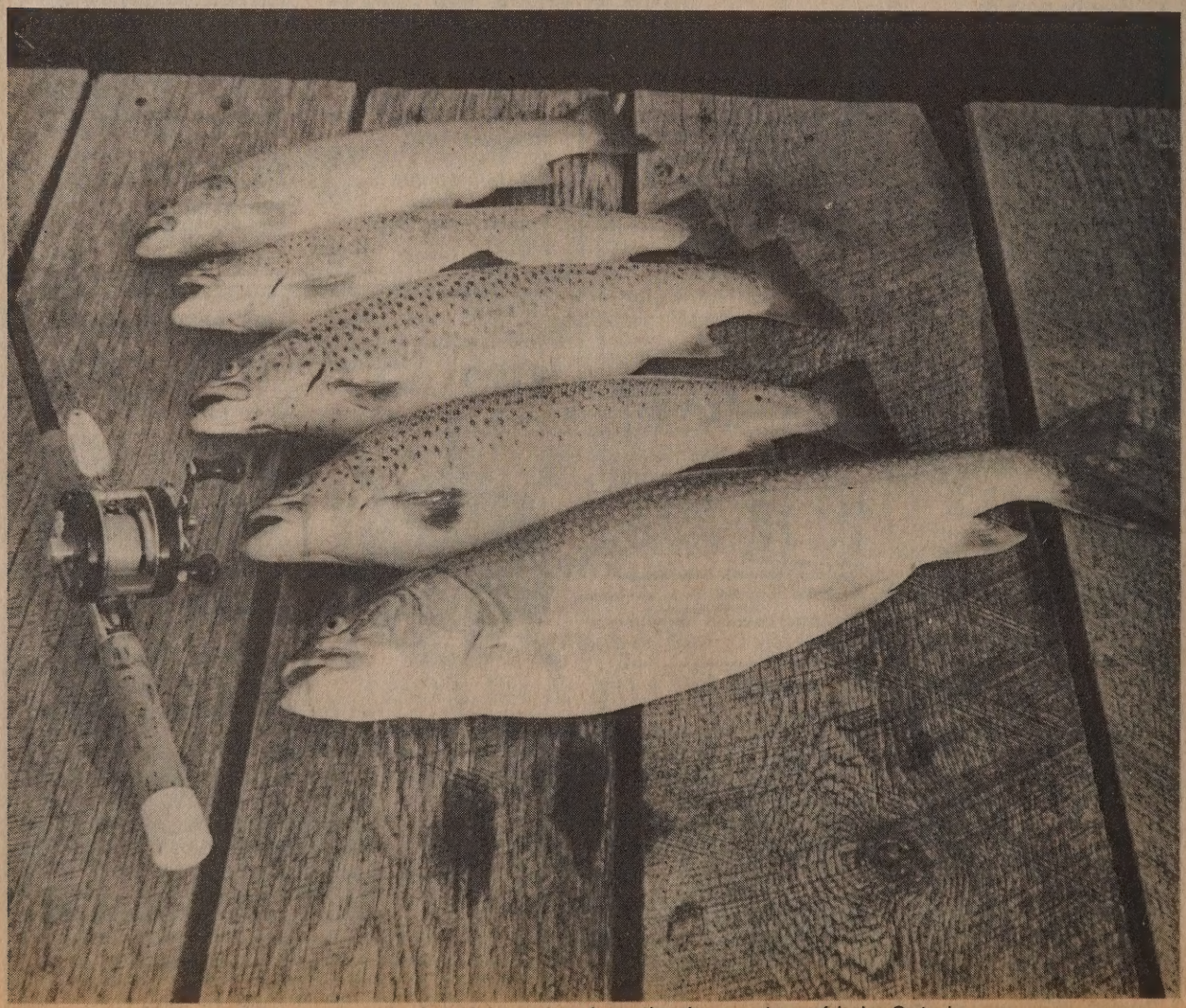
Eastern anglers no longer need to contemplate a trip to the midwest in their quest for a trophy brown

If you enjoy, as I do, catching trophy size brown trout, then the best place to head for is the Great Lakes. To my knowledge, nowhere else on this earth do more and bigger brown trout of true trophy proportions get caught each season. Many of these brutes register 20 lbs. and more. Millions of additional fish stocked each year coupled with a seemingly endless supply of bait, guarantee a phenomenal growth rate.

Visualize, if you will, two-year-old fish averaging seven pounds and more. Ten to fifteen pound fish are commonplace. Fantastic, you bet! A tributary lake of Lake Michigan produced a new record 36 lb. brown trout this spring. Can a 40 pounder be far behind?

The good news for local anglers anglers is that we can enjoy this type of fishing at nearby Lake Ontario. A mere six hours away on good highways will put you into brown trout that will have you talking to yourself.

To narrow it down even further, a section of the lake that begins at Oswego and extends west to Olcott consistently produces big fish. Right smack in the center of this activity is Sodus Point. Located here is the biggest bay on Lake Ontario: Sodus



Big browns and a lone laker taken from the deep waters of Lake Ontario.

Bay. Traveling east or west from the inlet you will encounter some hot brown trout fishing. The bay itself can produce big fish at times, but it's the reefs and points outside that give up the real lunkers.

Fishing is not confined to boats by any means. Two seasons back a pier angler caught a 22 pound brown to capture first place in a contest. Most piers, inlets, and breakwaters will allow shorebound anglers a chance to catch a trophy.

If you own a boat, by all means trailer it up. Most lake front towns, including Sodus have public launch ramps. Some are free. Private launch sites at marinas run about $5. Small boats under 18 feet are okay in calm weather, but when the lake kicks up, a 20 footer will make you feel more comfortable. A word of caution: Great Lakes are similar to inland oceans. In my opinion, they can kick up faster. Don't take chances and you'll have very little trouble.

Fishing begins here at ice out or soon after. The ravenous browns will migrate shoreward to intercept bait and seek out the warming water. Though the water may register in the high 30s, the big browns go wild. I've never seen trout hit this voraciously in ice water. When you realize the optimum feeding temperature for browns is in the 60 degree range, it makes you wonder.

The Great Lakes browns have evolved into a super species of trout. Cold water does not hinder their activities as I once believed. I have fished the Great Lakes for 15 years and it never ceases to amaze me at the cold water tenacity of these fish.

They seem so obsessed with finding food, that nothing else matters. Schools invade the shoreline, hammering alewives like bluefish slashing sand eels.

This is cold weather fishing and you have to dress for it. Pleasant days occur, but be prepared. If you're a deer hunter, then you already know how to dress. If not, dress like one. Top off with a good set of foul weather gear and waterproof warm boots, should put you in good shape.

Don't forget to purchase a New York fishing license and bring a good size cooler to keep your fish fresh.

Incidental catches of chinook, coho, salmon, lake and rainbow trout are quite common. Steelhead to 20 lbs. and salmon to 30 lbs. are caught each spring throughout this region.

The Oswego, Sodus Point region can be reached from New Jersey by taking Rt. 80 west to 380 west. Pick up 81 north to Syracuse and the New York Thruway. Check for map for local roads to Lake Ontario.

My next article will deal with tackle, techniques used in catching Great Lakes trout and salmon. It is trout fishing that every angler deserves to enjoy firsthand at least once in his or her life. But, to enjoy the fishing to its fullest, you must follow a few proven, but basic rules which we'll tell you about.

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DEEP WATER WHITING AND LING

by Russ Wilson

Winter whiting demand a different approach. Here's how some experienced anglers probe this deep water fishery.

Wintertime whiting fishing demands a different approach. Here's how some experienced anglers probe the deep waters.

It's about the time of year when "cabinitis" takes total control of our mind and body. The thought of another month of cold weather and poor fishing does lend itself to boredom, and a complete lack of interest in anything other than survival.

The outdoor sport shows, boat shows, fishing workshops and other related activities does help pass the idle hours, but there is no real cure for Cabin Fever other than a fishing trip where real fish are waiting to grab the bait or lure. We do not include ice fishing in this particular instance. It is fishing, but for some reason, it just is not the same as casting a bait or lure to fish that are working the surface or grubbing bottom for a tasty meal.

We take nothing away from ice fishing. The desire to catch fish can make a sane person go to extremes. In this reporter's opinion fishing through a little hole chopped into ten inches of solid ice while standing out in the open as 40 mile an hour winds blast through several layers of woolen clothing does leave a lot of room for improvement.

This does not mean there are no fish to be caught in the accepted manner of casting, drift fishing or placing a bait on bottom and waiting for a fish to swim up and eat. You can, indeed, find some fish to catch 12 months of the year. If you've got the heart for it, you can fish the depths of the Mud Hole and stand a good chance of bringing home a mess of good to eat ling or whiting.

Leave the light tackle at home. Deep water fishing requires stout tackle. As a general rule the fish will be inhabiting the spots where water depth exceeds 200 feet. To place a bait at these extreme depths requires heavy sinkers and tackle that is capable of handling the weight without collapsing.

We use a stocky boat rod, conventional type reel and 30 pound test mono when fishing deep waters. It is not at all uncommon to use sinkers that weigh 10 to 20 ounces and the stiff boat rod measures up to this type of treatment. I'd guess that rod is rated at 30 pound class, but it may be even stronger since it has been cut down from its original length.

Stout tackle is required for this deep water fishing.

Whiting or ling will not win any awards for the ability to fight. The silver hake, or whiting, will average somewhere around 1½ to 2 pounds and the ling, or red hake, a likewise amount. On occasion, the sinker will actually weigh more than the fish you hope to catch.

That's why we say these are not hard fighting fish. Usually, the weight of the sinker takes all the fight out of the fish as it is hauled to the surface and unceremoniously hoisted onto the boat and quickly stuffed into a gunny sack or cooler.

The name of this game is food. You are not out there to get a suntan or to relax. Your main objective is to catch as many fish as you can in as short a time as possible. No one, even those of us who are not working with both oars in the water, wants to endure any more frigid weather than he has to and by using the right terminal tackle you can cut down on the amount of time you will spend exposed to the elements.

Whiting and ling are not at all hook or line shy. You can use heavy leaders, big hooks and rigs which present three, four or even five baits at a time and still enjoy reasonably good results.

A favorite whiting/ling rig employs four hooks spaced at 18 inch intervals above the sinker. When the fish are feeding off the bottom this is a deadly rig and will account for double and triple hook-ups on a regular basis, and when the fish are spread out or not feeding enthusiastically, the multiple hook arrangement will increase the odds of a fish spotting one of the baits and jumping on.

We use regular leader material when making these multi-hook rigs. Thirty pound test is about right, but 40 or 20 will work equally well under most conditions. The rig is quite easy to make. Start off by making a perfection loop in the end. Next step involves a loop knot 18 inches above the sinker. A second loop 18 inches above the first and a final loop knot 18 inches above that will give you three chances at hooking a hungry whiting.

You can continue to add hooks at 18 inch intervals above the sinker and some experienced whiting fishermen have been known to use as many as ten hooks when conditions indicate. Hooks can be slipped through the loop and drawn tight so they lay off from the main leader. This reduces the chance of tangles and allows your baits to flutter in the current in a normal fashion.

Whiting normally hit with a machine gun quickness. You will feel a series of sharp taps register up the line as a fish samples the bait. All you need do is lift the rod and the fish is usually hooked solidly. By allowing the first fish to swim about with the rig you are generally rewarded with a second or third hook-up.

Many experienced whiting fishermen have found that by adding a short piece of tubing they increase their whiting scores. In the past several years, "glo" type tubing has become increasingly popular among the more dedicated wintertime whiting anglers.

We prefer fresh strip baits when possible. Normally, bait is supplied by the captain and may include herring, mackerel or other baitfish cut into slender strips. These have been frozen and will be softer than a strip of fresh bait. We normally sacrifice our first whiting to the bait cutting board. Strips taken from the shiny belly section will catch more fish than will a frozen bait and, although it may cost you a couple fish, we do recommend using the fresh cut strips rather than a frozen product.

Whiting, or ling for that matter, can be pan fried, broiled, poached, baked or smoked, depending on your particular preference. At our house we like pan-fried fish and have yet to find a better tasting treat than a fillet of fresh-caught ling. Whiting run a distant second, but are still a lot better eating than most of the glamor species.

Deep water fishing will never be a total substitute for the summertime inshore fishing, but it does get us through the winter without going completely bonkers.

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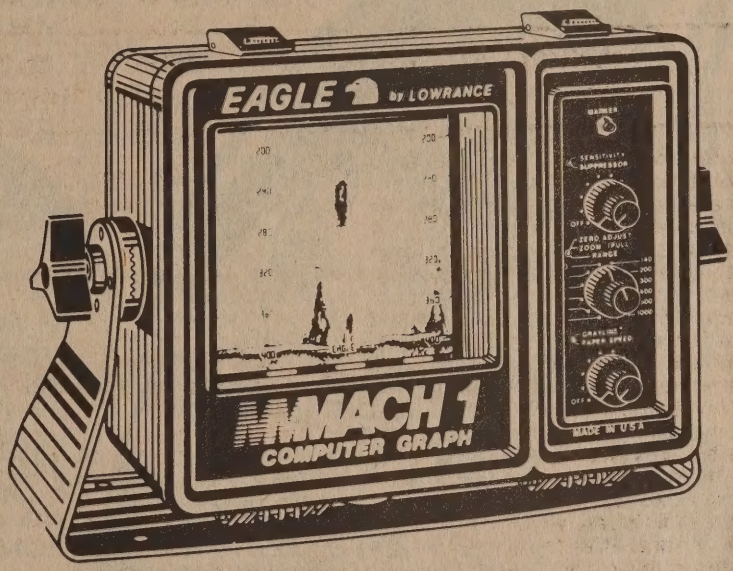

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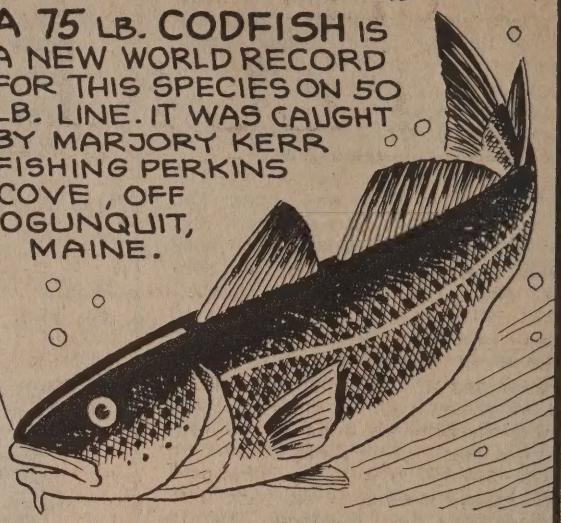

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THE WAY IT WAS... FLUKE FISHING

by Matt Ahern

Now, I know it is a long time before we fellows will enjoy fluke fishing weather, but heck—I've got to write about something. To sort of even things out, at the end of the article I've added a little about codfishing skill in the long ago. Hopefully, I'll hit two birds with one stone.

How was fluke fishing in the old days—say 50/55 years ago? Fantastic! Many times as I sit back and relive those days I wonder what it must have been like before my time. It hardly seems possible that it might have been even better.

And by "better" I mean this:

I have in my possession a small fishing book entitled: "Fishing Around New York." It was written, I guess, about 1917. The opening paragaph on fluke begins like this: "No fish comes into the bays regularly in such numbers as does the fluke." When one considers the amount of flounder, porgy, weakfish, etc., that poured into the bays in those days, it is enough for today's fishermen to sit back and take pause.

While I can remember seeing World War I soldiers leaving for overseas duty in 1917, I was much too young to be doing any fishing, so I can't give you firsthand information on how accurate that statement was at the time. But as the author certainly knew his fishing, I am more than willing to take his word for it. He was in a position to know, for when I first began fluke fishing in the late 20s, there were more summer flatties available than one could shake that proverbial stick at. Therefore, I feel certain this unknown fishing scribe didn't exaggerate one bit.

During those early days, say until 1930, my fluke fishing was confined to Jamaica Bay and an occasional trip to Shinnecock Canal in a Model T. But when I discovered party boat fluke fishing, that was it! I couldn't get enough.

Much of this fluke fishing was done by drifting in the Sandy Hook area. Outside of an occasional foray off Romer Shoals and several early-September trips for doormats around several pound nets which jutted out in to the ocean off Seabright, every July and August day was spent drifting off the Sandy Hook's white sand beaches. The fishing often bordered on the unreal. Those were truly wonderful days for young dedicated fishermen.

I can still recall the thrill of anticipation as I stood on the bow of the old Rose R II watching those beaches loom closer and closer with each throb of the diesel. It was pure magic!

I would look down upon that beautiful, clean green water as we approached, wondering how many fluke we were passing over, wishing for Divine Power to pierce its opaque quality and see the rilly bottom and behold its many wonders. To this day, all those long years later, I am filled with that feeling of enchantment. I know in my heart I'll never be cured, nor would I want to. I guess I'm a fanatic without question; one hopelessly in love with the fishing game.

Anyway... back to fluke fishing and the way it was.

What would you consider a good catch of fluke today? A dozen per fisherman? A half-dozen? Would you believe it if I told you that back in those days, 30 to 40 fluke per fisherman on a good fishing day raised no eyebrows? I hope you will, for that's the way it was.

For the well-experienced fluke fisherman, one who understood exactly what he was doing and why he was doing it, it was not unusual for him to catch 50 or more fluke. Hard to believe? Yes, of course, but it is true. I saw this happen scores of times. I did it myself from time to time, and I say this with no thought of braggadocio. It was quite common to see fishermen returning with sacks of fluke in those days.

When compared to today's standards, rods and reels were cumbersome, although our terminal rigs were basically the same, with but minor changes due to today's technology. Most fluke fishermen used large wooden sidewinder reels, six thread Irish-line line (18 pound test), eight ounce diamond sinkers, and 4/0 Sproat hooks, silk-wound on three foot "catgut" leaders. I saw few long-shanked Carlisle hooks in use.

Rods were heavy and stiff, and once the hook was planted, the fluke didn't have much of a chance. Not at all sporting when compared to today's light, yet strong tackle. But that was all we had and it furnished sport to the nth degree. In this case, truly ignorance was bliss.

Casting from a party boat was permissible those days and I'll tell you a fisherman had to be nimble to keep out of trouble—especially if he fished the stern. The method used to cast this unwieldy terminal tackle was to lay the sinker, leader, and baited hook behind you, with the hook resting several inches behind your heel. Three feet of line was peeled from the reel, and you made ready to make a mighty cast. The rod was held behind at arm's length, while the fisherman held a side stance, one hand on the butt, the other forward of the reel. The rod was whipped overhead and out with all the force that could be mustered. That hook and sinker shot off the deck in a vicious, powerful arc. Dangerous? You bet! It is no wonder fishermen who insisted upon fishing the stern either had to be courageous or foolhardy. Until one got used to all that swinging, flying lead, it was enough to make any fisherman shudder.

Oddly enough, hooking accidents were rare. But one day I saw one that make me skittish for a long time. Actually, I knew it wasn't the caster's fault, for I saw exactly what happened. This fellow had looked about and warned those around him before he cast, but in the interval of time it took to glance seaward to check the positions of those line already out, another fisherman on his way to the bait tub walked across the leader and bent over. Because this is a family magazine, I won't tell you where that unfortunate fisherman got that powerfully driven hook; but if you think of the worst place such a calamity could happen to you, you will be close enough.

You might ask if the fish were so thick, why it was necessary to cast at all. Here's the reason. Casting was usually done from the side facing into the drift. This enabled the fisherman to cover virgin territory before the boat passed over it, and also get a shot at a possible pool-winning doormat. Most pool winners were caught in this manner and experienced fishermen knew it.

But this method had to be done in a prescribed manner or it didn't work too well. The instant the bait reached bottom, slack had to be taken in quickly and jigging started. Slack was continuously taken in to compensate for the boat's forward movement, the rate of retrieve being governed at all times by this. Usually no more than two jigs were necessary before a fluke struck. Sometimes when the fish were exceptionally thick, there was a fluke on before the slack was reeled in. Just as today, it was important when fluke fishing to keep the bait in motion.

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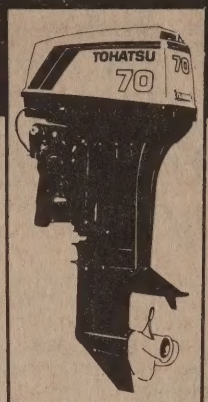

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Those fellows who fished on the opposite side of the boat, away from the drift, simply dropped their rig straight down. It was necessary to jig immediately and feed the line off the reel between lifts of the rod. Failure to do this properly caused the bait to rise off bottom. It was seldom necessary to allow much slack, though before a fluke took hold. The only disadvantage was the fact that you were getting those fish missed by other fishermen. As you might imagine, doormats were none too plentiful for these fellows.

Our bait was always a two inch killie. If you were smart, that was the size you selected from the bait tub. I can't recall ever using squid, spearing or sand eel. The hook was always run through the killie's eyes, which was necessary to withstand the force of the cast. If the fish needed a little coaxing on slow days, we would fillet a fluke and use three inch belly strips in combination with the killie. This always proved successful if you remembered to allow the fluke extra time to get the bait down. Many pool winners were caught on this combination.

The average size of the fluke we caught those days were between 1½ and 2 pounds. (Bet you thought I was about to say "between 5 and 10 pounds.") Three pounders were common, especially around The Cedars. We rarely saw the "shorts" which are so prevalent today. (There is a message there somewhere.)

Pool winners usually ran anywhere from 6 to 12 lbs. and for some strange reason, fluke in the pool winning class were more likely to be 11 pounders than any other weight. Strange indeed, and I've never been able to come up with a satisfactory reason for this. And also strangely enough, we didn't see many fluke that weighed in the teens. The largest fluke I saw taken during those times weighed a shade over 19 lbs. and was taken by a first-time woman fisherman while fishing a wreck off Sea Bright. But such large fluke were rare, indeed.

We never netted large fluke. When a fluke was too large to be lifted aboard (say over 5 pounds), it was always gaffed. I guess the skipper knew his fishing, for I've seen many large fluke escape a net, but never a gaff.

Seldom did average-sized fluke throw the hook when lifted aboard. Most had taken the hook so deeply, it could only be removed by going in through the gill cover. Which proves in my book that there were so many fluke available, competition for food was keen. Those fish could not afford to toy with the bait. It was hard-to-get food and they grabbed it.

Okay—enough about old-time fluke fishing for now. I promised you a bit on codfishing in the long-ago, so let's see what we come up with.

Here is a bit about codfishing lore that you will never, and I repeat "never," see today.

When I first began party boat fish-

ing for cod, there was no radar, no sonar, nor any of these electronic marvels we take for granted today. All the old-time skipper had going for him were two sharp eyes, a ship's clock and a compass. And added to that was a razor-sharp fish sense, finely honed by many years of intelligent observation.

Now, lest I lead you astray, let me say that not every skipper had that coveted "sixth sense." Most did, of course, or they would have perished by the wayside. It was easy for fishermen of the day to tell who had it and who didn't. Those skippers who possessed it carried swinging loads of fishermen to the cod grounds; those who didn't got the leavings—if they were lucky, that is.

Along about the early 30s, I was helping out aboard the old Rose R II out of Canarsie. Dick Persson was its skipper and a more kindly or finer man I've never known. As for this great skipper's fishing ability, it was beyond compare. I mean every word of that. I have never met a skipper who possessed the knowledge of Dick Persson. And this is what I want to tell you about.

One cold winter day we were making our way to the Cholera Bank and just before we arrived Dick called me into the pilot house. "Bring me the first cod you gaff," he told me. "Gaff it in the head, if you can."

I was just as puzzled then as you are now, but I did as he asked. The first cod I stuck a gaff into, I immediately brought to the pilot house.

It wasn't a large fish—no more than eight pounds. Dick held it, looked it over, felt along its lines, poked its stomach, and then began to pay particular attention to its coloration. "Tell the boys to get the hook up, Marty," he said finally. "We'll make a move." And then more to himself than to me, he added: "We might just make it when this tide breaks."

Shades of Kipling's immortal Disko Troop!

Well, as can be imagined, there was some grumbling and dissension among the passengers, for we had only settled and the cod were taking hold in fair shape. This type of codfishing was quite common in those times. Truly poor days were few, indeed. But at the moment those disgruntled fishermen knew only that we were leaving good fishing on a gamble that it might be better elsewhere.

We headed southeast and ploughed along for almost an hour, with Dick continuously checking the compass and the ship's clock. Just about the time when even I was becoming discouraged, Dick lowered the large lever at his side which controlled the throttle of the huge Fairbanks-Morse diesel. We began to inch our way over the seas until we were precisely where he intended. Then he signaled for the release of the anchor and turned the large, two-handed brass wheel which put the diesel into reverse. In minutes we were at anchor.

I'd like to tell you that I caught cod that day. But I didn't. Nor did the other three fellows who also worked on the boat. But those passengers—they caught cod until they shouted "Let's go home! Let's go home!" We poor fellows worked our tails off that day, gaffing fish after fish, none smaller than 10 pounds—if there actually was one that small. It was a banner day.

What Captain Dick saw in that lone Cholera Bank cod, I don't know, nor did I ever find out. To this day, I often wish I'd had the courage to ask, but even in the fishing game there are some things you don't—and this was one of them.

This is but one example of the knowledge many old-time codfishing skippers had. And I don't mean to take anything away from our skippers of today. They still must have a finely honed fish sense or all the electronic aids will avail them naught.

But gosh darn it, something is missing. I don't know what it is except to say that the old days produced some outstanding skippers. You've got to admit that.

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BUTTON HOOK DISGORGER

by Lou Mauriello

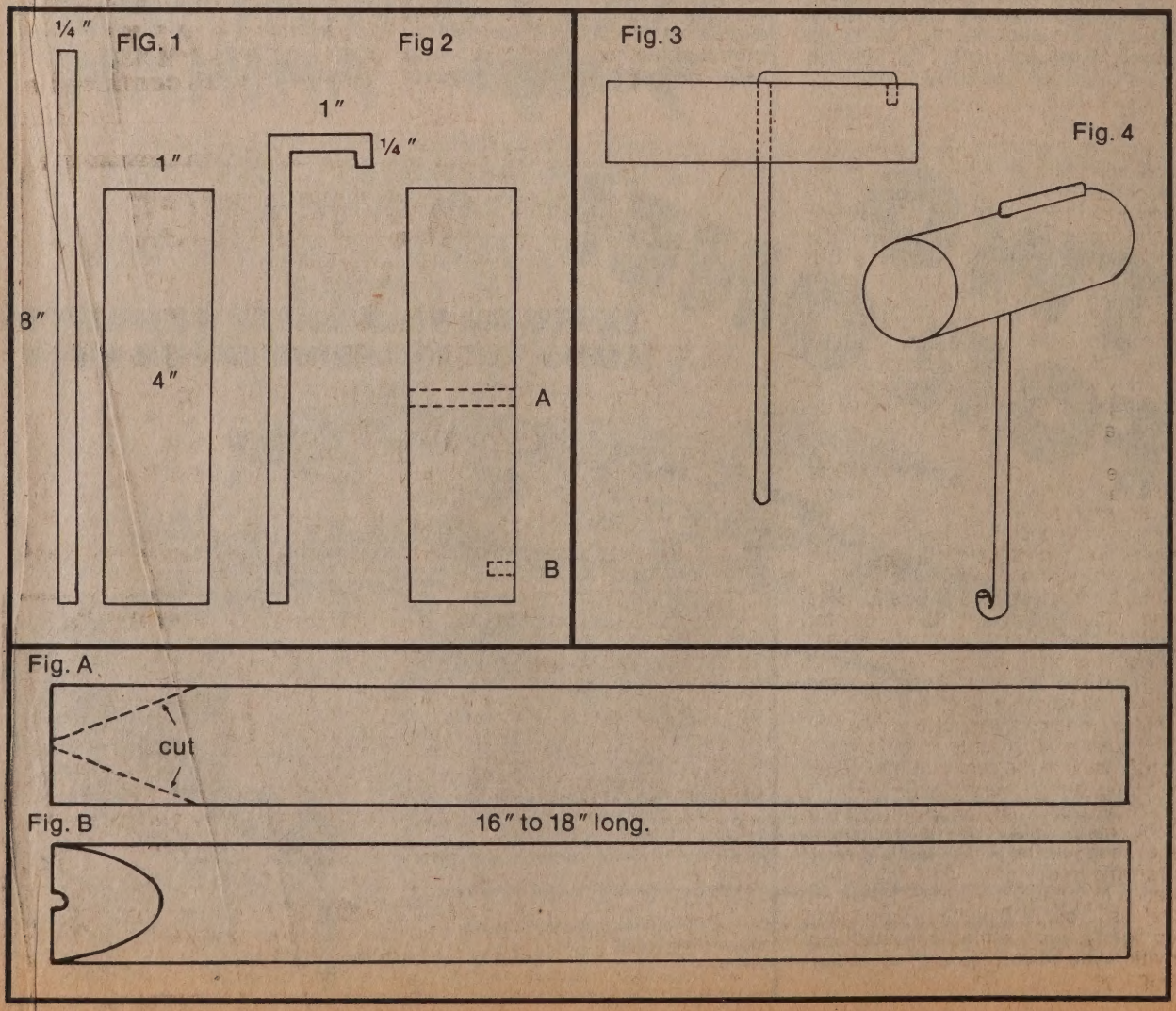
Last fall, while on a blackfishing trip with my son at Kismet Reef, I realized how many things experienced fishermen take for granted. My boy caught the first blackfish of the day and upon landing it, he immediately started struggling with it in an attempt to unhook it. Any of you who try to unhook a fresh caught blackfish may know why I use the word struggle. Start with the fish's slimy coating, add his sharp spines and tough jaws, and you can have quite a job on your hands trying to remove a hook from his jaw as he is flopping around. Seeing my son's predicament, I immediately told him to use the "tool," as it's known on my boat, to remove the hook. He did, and in one deft move, the fish and the hook quickly parted company.

What is this "tool," you may ask? Can I buy one in a store? Well, I haven't seen one available in retail shops, but if you read along, I'll try to explain how to make one out of scrap wood and metal you may have in your own home.

To make this button-hook disgorger, as some of us call it, we will need a four inch piece of one inch diameter hardwood dowel. A piece of old broom handle of the same length will do quite nicely, so don't spend money unnecessarily for a fancy piece of wood. The only other raw material required is a length of 1/4 inch diameter metal rod, approximately 8 inches long. Examples of these are shown in figure 1.

The tools required to do this job are equally unsophisticated and should be in your tool box or garage. They are, a pair of pliers, a propane torch and an electric drill. Now on to the actual mechanics involved. It's a very simple procedure (it must be; even I did it right) that will only take about ten minutes of your time.

The first thing to do is to bend about two inches of the metal rod at a 90 degree angle, as shown in figure 2.



You then bend about 1/4 inch of this short end. The metal rod should now loosely resemble the letter "J." I do this bend by applying heat from a propane torch to the spot I want to bend and then doing the actual bending with pliers. When this is done, put the metal rod aside to cool and go on to the next step. This consists of taking your wooden dowel and using the electric drill with a 1/4 inch bit attached, drill a hole through it. You now pass the metal rod through the dowel so that it will look like figure 3. If the hole in the dowel is too snug, don't panic, just use a 9/16 bit on the drill to expand the hole a bit. When the metal rod fits through this hole, pull it up snug and with a small hammer, tap the part that has been turned back up against the wood in order to have a guide as to where to drill the shallow hole required for it. Drill this hole only deep enough to seat the upturned end and when it is finally seated, you can secure it to the wood with electrical tape. All that is left to do now is to apply heat from your torch to the last 3/4 of an inch of the metal rod and using your pliers, turn it up 180 degrees as shown in figure 4.

Now that you have this gizmo in your hand, you may be wondering how to use it. Quite simple really. When you have the fish aboard, grab the leader firmly in one hand and the disgorger in the other. The disgorger is held with the dowel in the palm and the metal rod extending between the middle and ring fingers. Place the hook through the upturned part of the disgorger and without touching the fish, pull down on the leader with one hand and up on the disgorger with the other hand. This will leave the fish hanging in mid-air, but a quick snapping motion of both hands will have the fish flopping around the deck minus the hook. One word of caution here. The fish do come off a hook very quickly when using this disgorger, so make sure it is going to land in a safe place and not wind up back in the water.

I use this type disgorger for blackfish, as previously stated, and for fluke that have not swallowed the hook. If the hook is in the gullet of a fluke, you must go in through the gills, but let's leave that for another time. I'd like to show you how to make one other disgorger; this one for codfish that have swallowed a hook.

For this one, you only need an 18 inch piece of one inch diameter wood dowel. Simply cut it at one end, as shown, to form a sort of chisel edge. Then using either a file or knife, cut a small notch in the center of that edge.

Using this is very simple also. If you have a cod that has swallowed the hook, merely place the notch against the bend of the hook, while firmly grasping the leader with the other hand. Now, while pushing down on the disgorger and pulling the leader up tightly, you use the same snapping motion you would use with the other disgorger.

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GETTING STARTED IN TACKLE COLLECTING

by C. Boyd Pfeiffer

"How do you get started and how do you find out information on old lures, reels, etc.?" That's the recurring question that Vern Kirby and other collectors get about their hobby of collecting antique fishing tackle.

Both fortunately and unfortunately, there are no clear cut answers. Some collectors like Vern begin when they learn that an old lure in their tackle box might be valuable as a collector's item. Others inherit a tackle box from a grandfather or uncle, or buy a full box at a flea market or auction. Still others will see a collection and gain an interest or learn about the hobby from a fishing buddy.

Once hooked it's as impossible to get away as a bass with a two-treble plug in its mouth. "I'm even buying entire collections now," noted Jim Dean, editor of Wildlife in North Carolina, an outdoor writer and a well-hooked collector. Most collectors prefer to trade rather than buy, but even this is changing as the general public gains some knowledge of the hobby and no longer sells a tackle box "full of junk" for $1 at a local flea market. Once you have some plugs, the next problem is in researching them to find out their place in the history of tackle, or of a given company or their relationship to other lures—a task that collectors relish, but which also takes research materials, books, catalogs, etc.

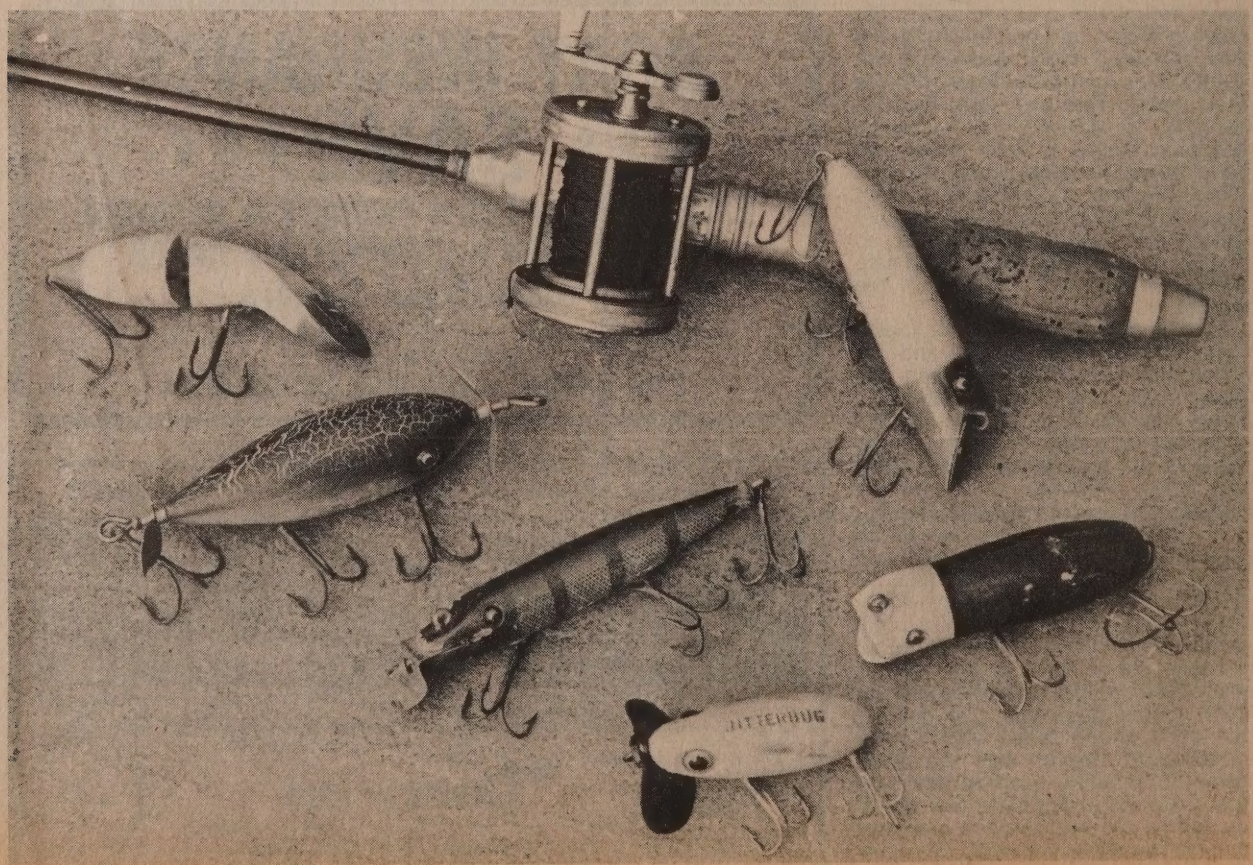
Some of the best sources of information according to Kirby include:

BOOKS:

Collecting Old Fishing Tackle by Art and Scott Kimball, 1980, Box 252, Boulder Junction, WI 54512. Available in paperback or hardcover. This book emphasizes old fishing lures, but also has info on rods, reels, etc., and thus is valuable to general tackle collectors.

Old Fishing Lures and Tackle by Carl F. Luckey, 1980, paperback. Available from Carl F. Luckey, Rt. 4, Box 301, Killen, AL 35645. This 457-page book includes information and also price ranges and comparative values on lures and other fishing tackle and is profusely illustrated with photos and drawings of old tackle. Like the above, it is a good general guide to all tackle and excellent for beginning collectors.

James Heddon's and Sons Catalogs, by the Bassman (Clyde Harbin), consisting of 24 catalogs and color prints from Heddon catalogs and covering 75 years of lures. Available from Clyde Harbin, 1105 Marlin Rd., Memphis, TN 38116. This is the classic book on Heddon lures and though expensive and in a limited edition, is a must for the serious



Old lures like these can be easily researched through reference books and old books on fishing and fishing tackle.

collector.

Streater's Reference Catalog of Old Fishing Lures, by Dick Streater, Box 393, Mercer Island, WA 98040. Covers all lures and consists of copies of early catalogs of lure companies along with notes and comments.

Streater's Supplement No. 1 by Dick Streater. This is a 206 page supplement to his basic reference. The basic reference is required for this to be helpful.

Streater's Supplement No. 2 by Dick Streater. Another more recent supplement that refers back to the original text. (Note: These two books are only available to members of the National Fishing Lures Collectors Club.)

The Spooners by Harvey W. Thompson, 1979, Eppinger Manufacturing Co. This 40 page book/booklet by the Daredevle people covers some of the early spoon manufacturers including the Eppinger Co. and the development of the spoon for fishing by Julio Buel when he was about 15, in about 1821 and the subsequent development of the company making the first fishing spoons.

In addition, some information on old lures can be found in the following books, which are not specifically on collecting per se as are the above, but still highly valuable to the serious collector.

Great Fishing Tackle Catalogs of the Golden Age, edited by Samuel Melner and Hermann Kessler with commentary by Sparse Gray Hackle. Crown Publishers, 1972. Copies of catalog pages of early manufacturers and suppliers from the period from 1839 throgh 1931. Vern Kirby really likes this book and relies on it heavily. "The more you examine it the better it is," notes Vern, despite the fact that it does not include complete catalogs, but representative pages of catalog examples. It is an invaluable book for reference, and unlike some of the specialized collectors' handbooks, generally readily available through some book stores or libraries.

The American Sporting Collector's Handbook, edited by Allan J. Liu, Winchester Press, with chapters on split cane rods, antique reels, fishing lures and catalogs and periodicals.

Freshwater Bass, by Ray Bergman, 1942 (also later printings), Alfred A. Knopf. Information on early plugs, along with some color plates.

Lucas on Bass Fishing by Jason Lucas, 1947, Dodd, Mead and Co. Several chapters on bass lures and some illustrations by this one-time popular fishing editor of Sports Afield magazine.

(Early books on all types of fishing, tackle and techniques are also valuable as reference works since they almost all include descriptions and have color and black and white photos and/or plates of lures.)

MAGAZINES:

The Antique Tackle Trader, Box 1227, Lakes Wales, FL 33853. Quarterly.

Tackle Exchange, Box 209, Loleta, CA 95551. Monthly newsletter.

Antique Angler, Box 327, Stockton, NJ 08555. Quarterly newsletter.

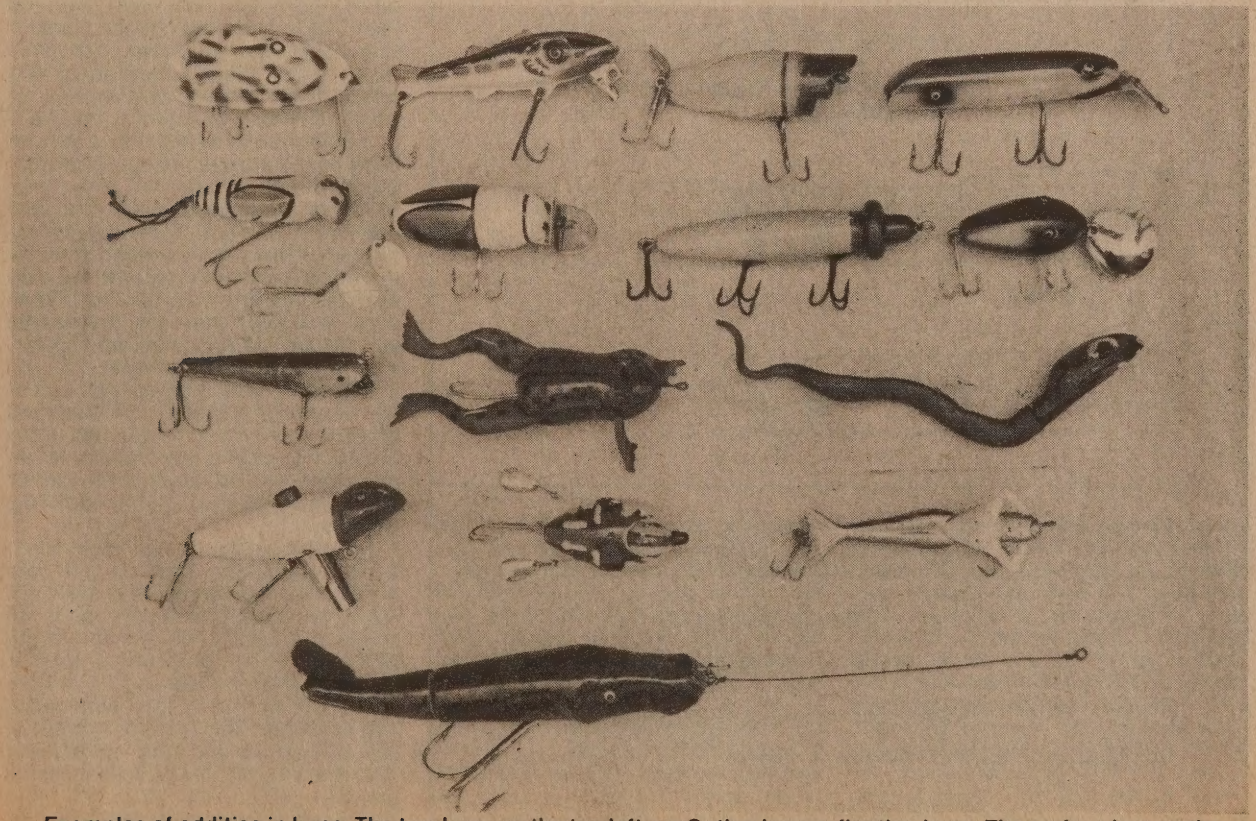
Sporting Classics, Box 770, Camden, SC 29020. Beautiful, glossy, bimonthly publication on all phases of sporting collecting and collections, including plugs, reels, rods, tackle accessories and also decoys, books, prints, etc.

COLLECTORS:

Most collectors like Vern Kirby are interested in constantly learning more and exchanging ideas with other collectors throughout the country in their areas of interest in lures, reels, etc. Vern Kirby would be most anxious to hear from other **serious** collectors, but note that his primary interest is in lures. Contact him at Vern Kirby, 304 Eugenia Ave., Ferndale, MD 21061.

CLUBS:

There is only one club for collectors of fishing lures, certainly the subject of most interest and making up the majority of most collections. For information on the **National Fishing Lures Collectors Club**, write to the secretary, Rich Treml, Box 1791, Dearborn, MI 48121. The club, which originated with 35 members, but at this writing numbers of 1,000 enthusiasts, publishes newsletters, lists of members for trading purposes, and has an annual convention for trading, learning and fishing.



Examples of oddities in lures: The two lures on the top left are Outing bronze floating lures. The surface lure on the lower left has a hole in the body that created a spouting effect when retrieved. The bottom lure is a musky lure that came apart when the fish struck to prevent the fish from throwing the lure.

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ROD HANDLE REPAIR

by Gerald Hahn

I have a sentimental attachment for some fishing rods I bought many years ago. The rods were inexpensive, yet when they broke, I couldn't bear throwing them out. At the same time, I, like many other fishermen, seldom found the time or the inclination to repair them; so there they remained, year after year, in the closet.

Last season, however, I was overcome with a fresh desire to bring the old rods back to life. I talked to several people who build their own rods—and they told me to throw mine away. Undaunted, I then read some fine books on the subject, only to be discouraged either by the cost or the effort involved. As one custom-builder of fine rods said: "Why repair an old cheap rod when you can buy a new cheap rod for the same money?" Logic is a poor adversary against nostalgia.

The biggest problem with the old rods is a familiar one. After a few years of service, the reel seat becomes unglued, and soon you're fishing with the rod guides at a right angle to the reel. One quick solution is plastic tape over the cork handle/reel seat junctures. Although tape works temporarily and is easily replaced, the rod is a mess. A mate on a party boat, handing me a rental rod with half the guides missing, told me that the fish don't know the difference. The problem is, I do.

There are better tactics than tape, however. The first is to punch some holes in the reel seat and fill them with epoxy. Sometimes this inexpensive method works; but having tried it, I now have a reel seat resembling Swiss cheese and borders of tape as well. The glue didn't hold.

Another method involves stripping away the cork rings from the butt and foregrip sections of the handle, regluing the reel seat and mounting new cork rings. This involves much work, however, for the rod guides must be removed before sliding the new cork rings over the handle. Of course, you can cut each ring in half and glue them in sections; too much work and unless you're handy, the handle would look worse than the Swiss cheese and tape.

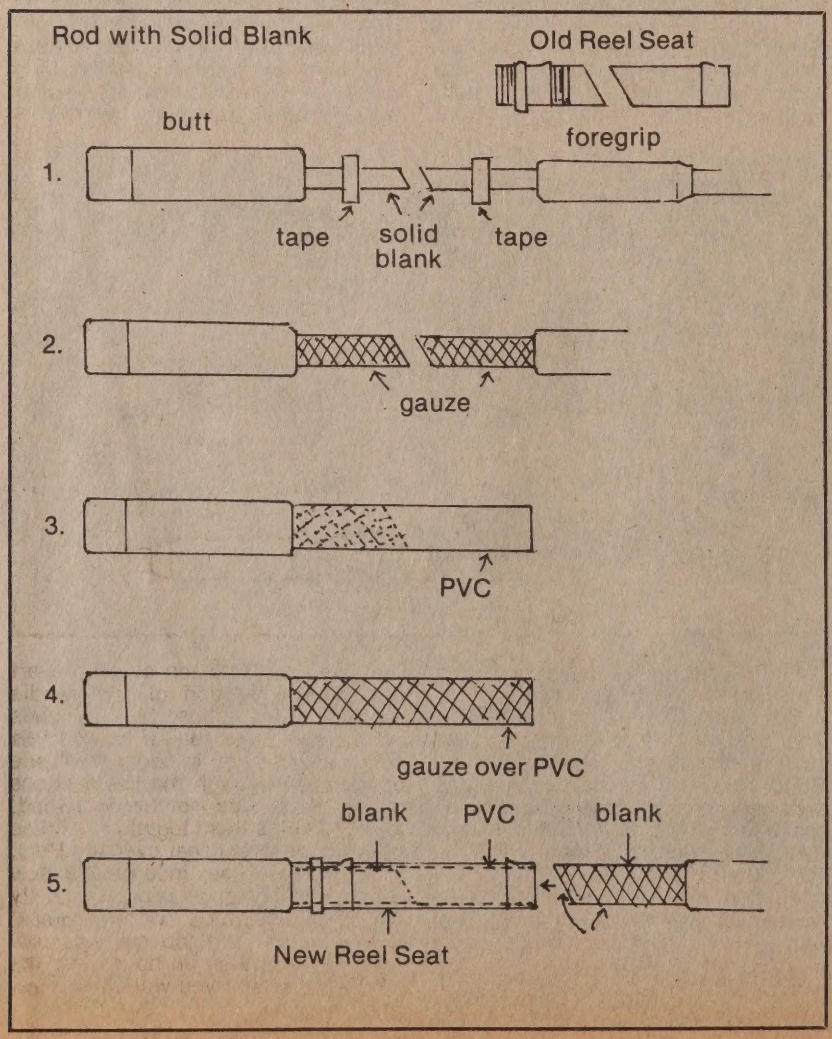
Yet another tactic would be to buy a complete rod handle—no doubt, for more than the value of the rod itself—and mounting it to the blank or to the extension plug that is attached to the blank. Having considered and rejected all these possibilities, I finally took one of my old rods—a 6 foot spinner—to Altenkirch's, one of Long Island's oldest tackle and repair shops.

At first, the people there thought I was crazy. But seeing my determination, they were kind enough to show me a simple way to replace the reel seat and fix the rod handle. When done this way, they say the handle will outlast the rod blank and so far, mine are in excellent shape.

The materials—a new 6 inch aluminum reel seat, a dowel stick and a roll of one inch gauze—cost me only $4.50. The only other materials required were a hacksaw, sandpaper or a file, and epoxy, which I already had in my tool box.

Now to the repair. On most inexpensive rods, the blank is not connected directly to the reel seat. Instead an extension plug, made of hollow fiberglass, is glued to the blank. Since the plug has a smaller diameter than the reel seat, it is built up in one or two places with some masking tape. This is the only point of contact between the plug and the reel seat (see illus. 1). No wonder it comes undone.

To correct the problem (illus. 2), cut the old reel seat in half and remove both sections from the rod handle. It



will come off easily since it wasn't properly glued in the first place. Altenkirch recommended cutting the reel seat on the diagonal, so that the plug inside has a greater surface area when rejoined. Aligning the guides with the new reel seat is also made easier. They added, however, that a diagonal cut is not critical, so the choice is yours. Remove the aforementioned tape from the extension plug and sand or file the old dried glue from it.

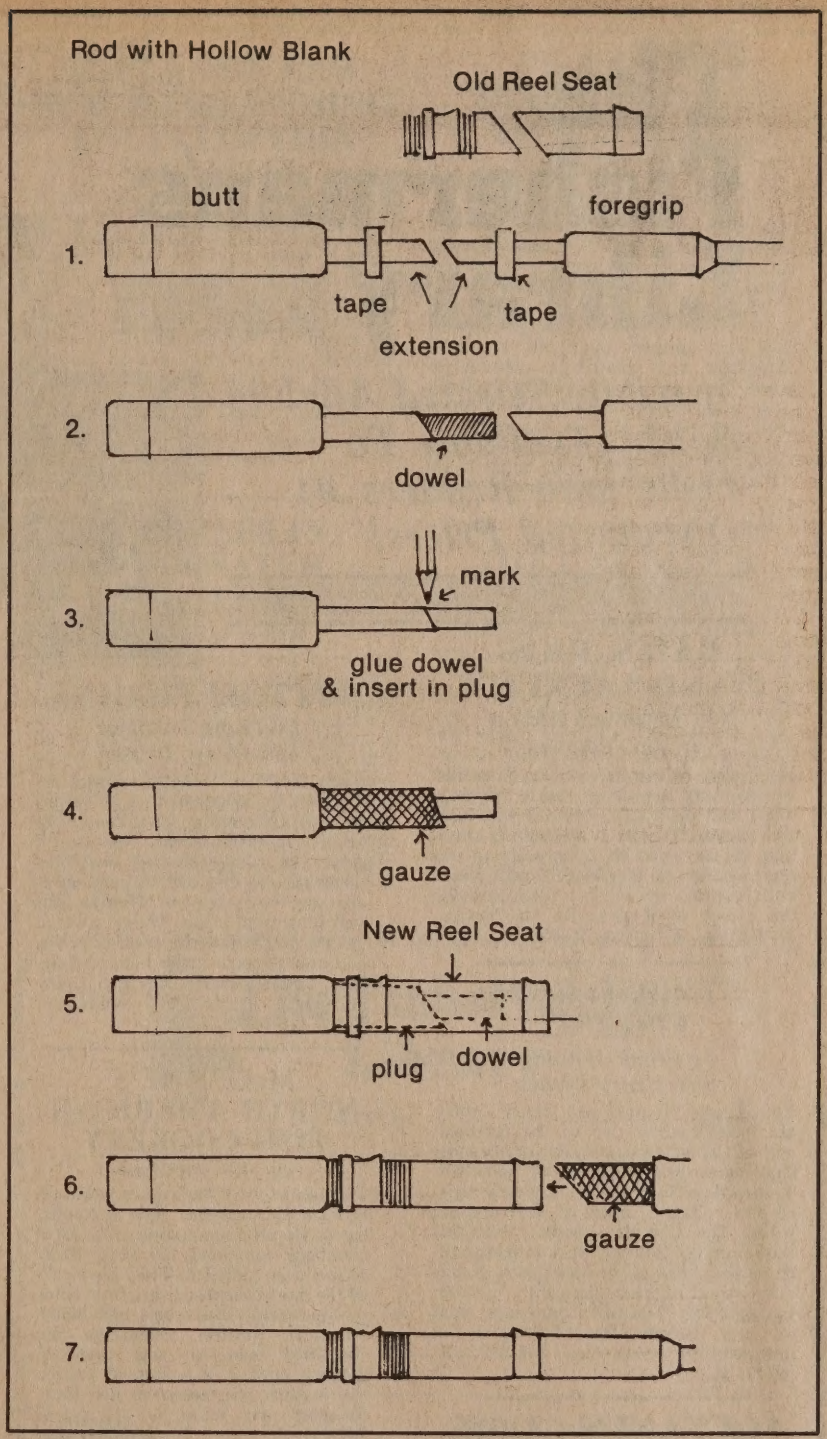
Now, unless you have a spare fiberglass plug to fit inside the original extension plug, take the rod to a hardware store or a lumber yard and fit a length of dowel stick snugly inside the plug.

Back home (illus. 3), cut the dowel so that the two sections of the rod handle come together as they were before you cut them. For my rod, I cut a 4 inch length for the 6 inch reel seat. The length of the handle, from butt to foregrip, is 12 inches. Mark the dowel with a pencil (illus. 4) where it joins the butt end of the handle. Then remove the dowel and smear some epoxy on it, from the marking point to the end that fits into the butt. Insert the dowel back in the handle and let the glue dry. A quick-drying epoxy, such as Devco 5-Minute Epoxy, works well. For those who prefer a slower drying glue, try Devco Two-Ton Epoxy.

Now smear some epoxy (illus. 5) over the extension plug on the butt end of the handle, and wrap the gauze over it, back and forth. Continue applying epoxy over the wraps as you build them up, and check the thickness of the gauze layers until the new reel seat fits snugly over them. Apply (illus. 6) a final coat of epoxy over the wraps, and glue the reel seat to them. At this point, the job is half done.

Next (illus. 7) wrap and glue more gauze over the foregrip section of the extension plug, once again checking its thickness to fit the front end of the reel seat. When the fit is snug, apply glue to the foregrip plug inside and outside, including the diagonally cut end. Then join the two sections of the handle and let them dry. When gluing the reel seat to the foregrip, make sure it is properly aligned with the rod guides. The dowel adheres to the extension plug, which in turn adheres to the reel seat. Unlike the original construction with built-up tape, the gauze provides a continuous surface for the reel seat.

Another one of my rods had a different problem. This one has a blank of solid fiberglass and consequently, has no extension plug. Instead the rod blank itself fits inside the reel seat. The blank, being rather thin, however, is again beefed up with tape under the reel seat. In this case, a scrap piece of PVC replaces the dowel stick. Instead of sliding inside a plug, it serves as a sleeve—over the solid rod blank and under the reel seat. After cutting the rod handle, as before, take both sections as well as the new reel seat to a hardware store for a PVC fitting. (A scrap section of PVC cost me less than a dollar.)



Cut the PVC, as you cut the dowel. The PVC may be as long as the reel seat, or slightly shorter (see illus. 1). Build up and glue the gauze wraps **separately** over the two sections of the rod blank until the PVC fits snugly over them (illus. 2). Glue the PVC to the gauze over the butt section of the handle (illus. 3). Now wrap and glue gauze over the PVC to fit the new reel seat (illus. 4). After this is done, apply a final coat of epoxy to the (gauze-wrapped) solid blank and to the (gauze-wrapped) PVC. Slide the reel seat over the PVC and quickly insert the foregrip section of the handle inside the reel (illus. 5). It sounds more complicated than it is, and this way, everything is done in one operation. Although the two sections of the handle are not firmly joined, the PVC holds them together. And so does the new reel seat over the PVC.

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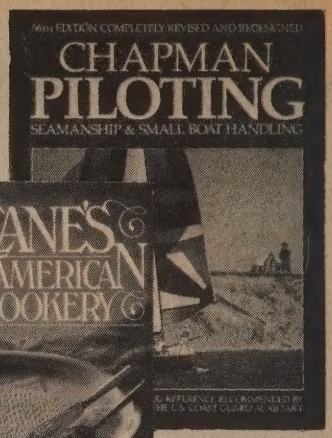

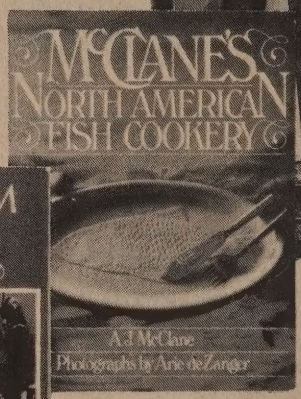

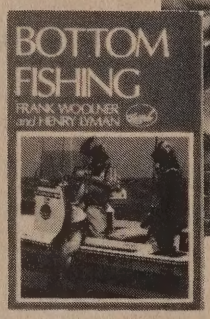

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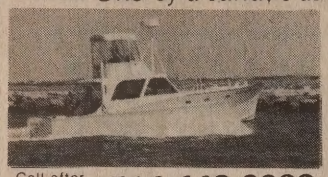
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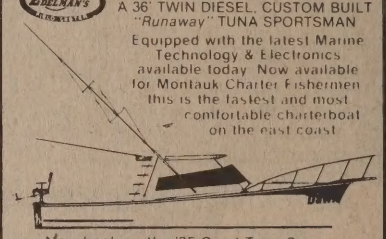
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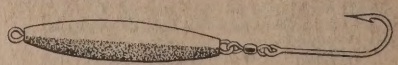

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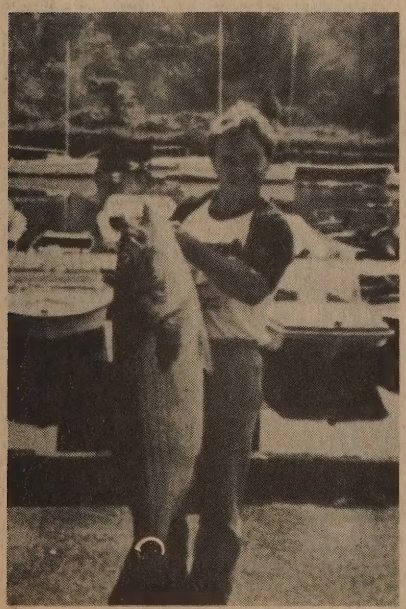

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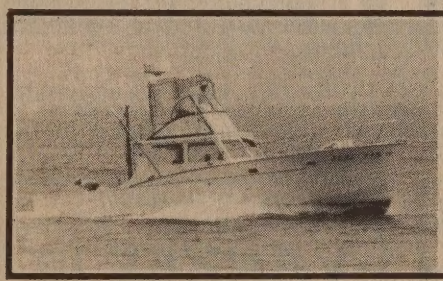

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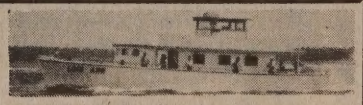
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South Shore REPORT
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Well, folks, it looks like we have a bona fide flounder season under way, although much of the credit for the early start must go to the weatherman and the weekend's almost balmy temperatures. Codfishing remained in a slump for most boats and anglers, but here and there some fair catches were made.

Paul Graniello of **J&J Tackle** in Patchogue heard from several sources that the Quogue Canal produced a number of good flounder scores for boatmen and shore anglers over the weekend. Also had one customer who reported a few flatties from Moriches Bay. He had no local reports, however. Paul reminded that he has bloodworms in stock and will have a supply of night crawlers in time for the weekend. Trout fishing in the creeks has slowed and no reports of white perch this week.

Over at **J&R Sports Center** in Oakdale, Al Colban reported looking over a catch of 8 flounder between 1 and 1½ lbs. taken by Tom Shirley and two friends on Sunday. The trio fished off of Heckscher Park. Al himself had five cod on Saturday's trip aboard the Captree based **Capt. Scotty 3** and said that three of the fish were in the 15 to 20 lb. class. Al spent Friday morning

Dr. Ron Levy nailed this 17 lb. striper on a DeMayo bucktail in Manhasset Bay. Subscriber photo.

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probing the tidal reaches of the Connetquot and showed me a 1 lb. sea run brown that he took on a Swiss Swing spinner. Lots of small undersized trout still in Bubbles Falls and a reminder that any trout under 9 inches should be returned as carefully as possible. In the case of deeply hooked fish, avoid trying to jerk the hook out. Instead, simply clip the leader as close to the fish's mouth as possible. The fish's stomach acids and the effects of corrosion will make short work of the hook. Some impressive trout are roaming the Connetquot River within the confines of Connetquot State Park. Park superintendent Gil Bergen reported a rainbow of 10 lbs. and change taken a week ago Saturday in the park. He confirmed reports (mentioned in last week's column) concerning the huge brown encountered by several anglers who estimated the fish in the vicinity of 15 lbs. Gil thought a more realistic estimate was closer to 13 lbs.—which is still one helluva trout. Dave Canale of J&R got on the phone long enough to say that they will have both sand worms and blood worms in stock for the weekend.

Over Captree Captain Charlie Kennedy of the **Capt. Joseph II** said that codfishing has ranged from a slow pick to an occasional fair day. With the weekend being slow. The skipper will be making the switch to flatties beginning Saturday, March 2nd. He'll be sailing full day trips—7AM daily.

Captain George Tweedy of the open boat **Captain Scotty** managed to pick some decent wrecks in his cod quest this week. He reported fair to good fishing through the week with a couple of very picky days among them. Wednesday saw 50 cod come aboard while Thursday and Friday's total dropped to 12 and 4 respectively. Saturday's tally was 60 fish and Sunday's 40. Many of the fish are falling

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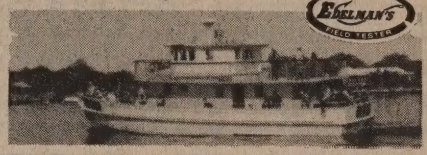

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in the 15 to 18 lb. range with a few 6 to 10 lbers. along with an occasional larger fish. The boat's special cod pool is now $1600.

The flounder season is officially under way reported Tom Healey of **Augie's Tackle Shop** in Babylon. Tom had just finished putting a 1 lb. 8 oz. flattie on the scale for Tom Slattery. It was one of five that he and Bob Winters put aboard the latter's Bugaloo on Sunday. The pair fished Heckscher and used fresh clam for bait. They also reported that another boat anchored nearby did a pretty good job on the fish. The shop has both blood and sandworms in stock. Tom joined Bob Pracher, Mike Ancompora and Shakespeare rep Greg Nisito on Sunday. The group used leadhead/Mr. Twister combos along with some killies to take 25 perch from Mud Creek in Patchogue. A dozen of the fish fell into the 1 and 1¼ lb. range.

Mike Andreanni of **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** reported some perch taken in local creeks but nothing to get excited about. Several perch fans that Mike spoke to reported catches of 4 to 5 of the scrappers on either night crawlers or small leadhead jigs. Mike also told of looking over a pair of 12-13 inch trout taken from Bubbles Falls on the Connetquot Saturday. The two anglers who had the fish reported lots of small sub-legal trout in the pool (under 9 inches). Mike, too, had a flounder report dating back to late last week when a local clammer reported taking 20 nice fish on night crawlers east of Heckscher.

Frank Pristera of **Edelman's** in Farmingdale had no local flounder reports but did tell of one small flattie taken from the Shinnecock Canal last week by Bob Santiago. He also put Vince Surwillo of Coram on the

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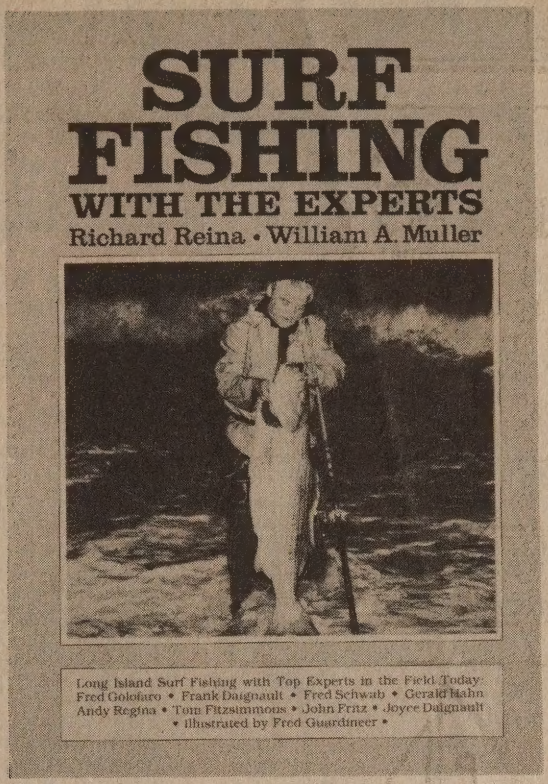
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phone. Vince used a #1 Mepps spinner to take two 10 inch browns from the Nissequogue River on Saturday evening. He fished near the end of Thatch Pond Road. Also a correction to last week's report which read Edelman's has a complete line of 22 offshore lures. Instead the copy should have read a complete line of ZZ offshore lures.

Late Breaking News: Just as we were going to press, we received a call from Larry Dallaire of **L&M Marine** in East Moriches. Larry got to us just in time to relay word of some excellent flounder fishing in the Quogue canal on Sunday. He and his crew had to break ice in Harts Cove to get the boats out, but all seven boats that left the station on Sunday returned with good catches of flatties. Among them were Frank Garcia and two friends who put away more than 100 flatties most in the 1 to 1½ lb. class (big frames, but thin), using mussel chum and sand and blood worms. The trio fished buoy 7A. Paul Kozak and Bill Hepper returned to the station with 40 nice flatties from buoy 54. Larry noted that he has a good supply of bait and chum in stock.

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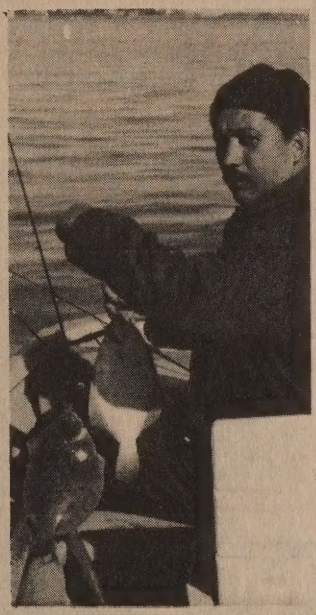

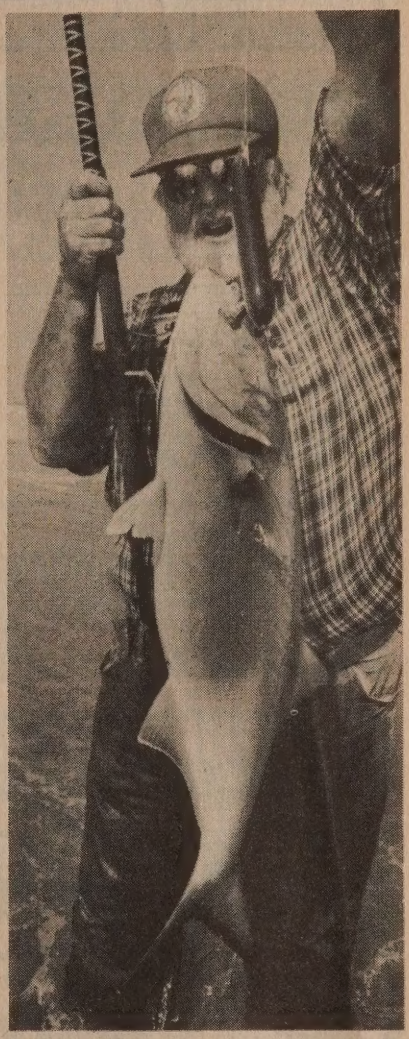

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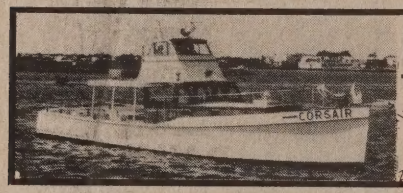

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WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

Aboard the open boat **Capt. Al**, Thursday was the best day of the week said Captain Butch who is filling in at the wheel while Al Lindroth is on vacation. Cod on the wrecks have been mixed up to 20 lbs. Butch said that the storm of two weeks ago has left a residual heave which has affected the fishing. However, all bad things come to an end as well as good things, so there's improvement on its way.

Captain Dick Hall aboard the **Super Spray II** told of 35 cod and pollock taken Saturday, cod up to 47½ lbs.

Susan Miller decked this 10 lb. bulldog blackfish last fall of of Eaton's Neck. It was taken aboard the family boat, Mini Trawler, skippered by Susan's husband, Daniel.

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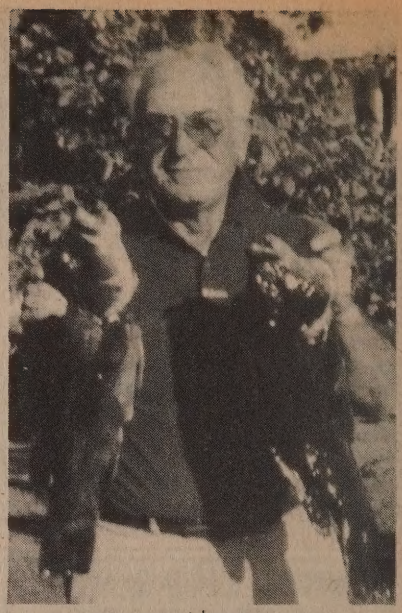

Jim Castagna with a brace of blacks weighing 7½ and 8 lbs. taken near Little Gull Island last fall. Jim fished aboard the Greenport open boat, "Blue Albatross."

and two cod in the high 30s. This was also on wrecks.

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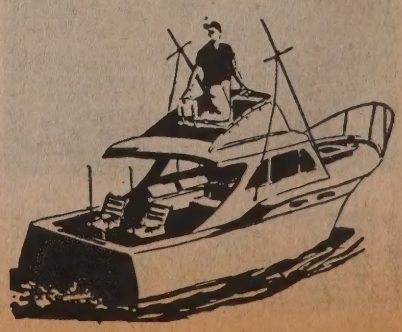

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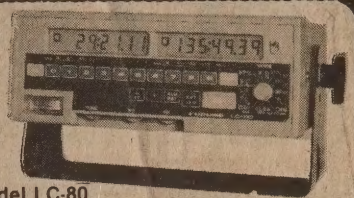

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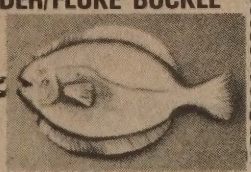

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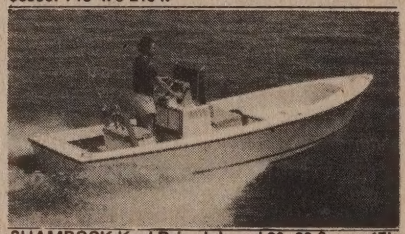

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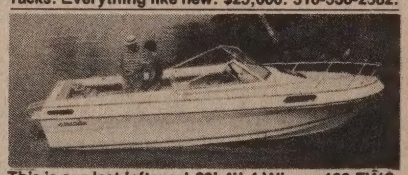

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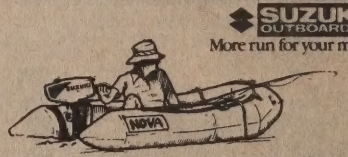

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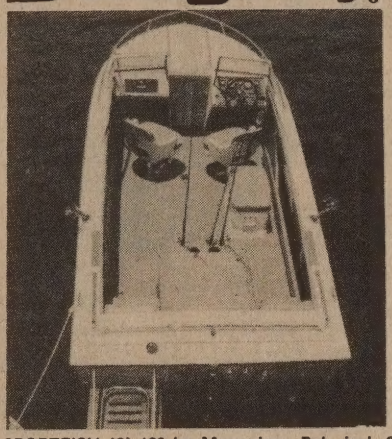

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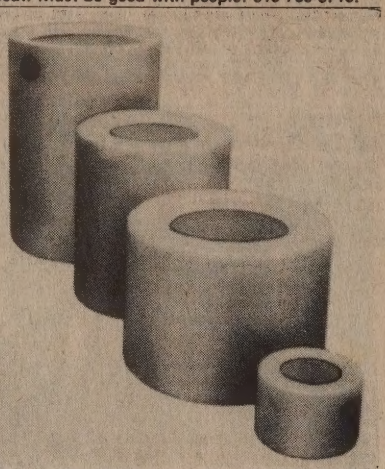

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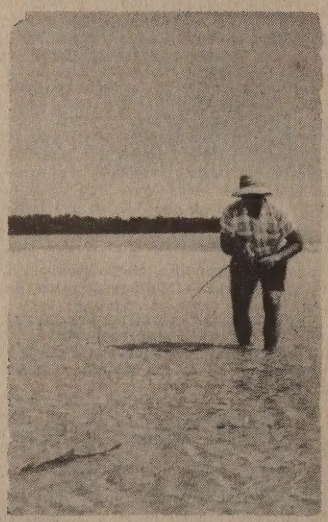

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DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	1:10	1:40	2:15	2:40	1:40	2:00	3:10	3:55	4:30	5:15	4:50	5:30	1:35	2:05	2/28
FRI.	2:10	2:50	3:15	3:40	2:40	3:25	4:10	4:55	5:25	6:20	5:55	6:30	2:35	3:05	3/1
SAT.	3:20	4:05	4:20	4:45	3:55	4:45	5:05	5:50	6:30	7:30	6:55	7:30	3:40	4:05	3/2
SUN.	4:30	5:05	5:20	5:40	5:10	5:45	6:00	6:40	7:35	8:30	7:50	8:25	4:30	5:00	3/3
MON.	5:25	6:00	6:15	6:35	6:05	6:35	6:55	7:25	8:35	9:25	8:45	9:15	5:25	5:50	3/4
TUES.	6:15	6:50	7:05	7:25	6:55	7:20	7:40	8:10	9:35	10:10	9:35	10:00	6:15	6:35	3/5
WED.	7:05	7:35	7:55	8:15	7:40	8:05	8:30	8:55	10:25	10:55	10:25	10:50	7:00	7:20	3/6
THURS.	7:50	8:15	8:40	9:00	8:25	8:50	9:15	9:45	11:10	11:40	11:15	11:35	7:50	8:10	3/7

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	–0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	–0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	–0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	–0 12
Seaside Park	–0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	–0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	–0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	–0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	–0 02
Rehobeth Beach	–0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	–0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	–0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	–0 38
Democrat Point	–0 38
Coast Guard Station	–0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	–0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	–0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	–0 20
Truman Beach	–0 42
Falkner Island	–0 13
Sachem Head	–0 10
Branford Harbor	–0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	–0 08
Milford Harbor	–0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	–0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	–0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	–0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point, north side	–1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	–0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	–0 10
Execution Light	0 06
Manhasset Bay	–0 01
Hempstead Harbor	–0 11
City Island	–0 03
Rye Beach	–0 28
Port Chester	–0 09
Mamaroneck	–0 08
New Rochelle	–0 24
Davids Island	–0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	–0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	–0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	–1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	–0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	–0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 2/28	6:36	5:49
FRI. 3/1	6:35	5:50
SAT. 3/2	6:34	5:51
SUN. 3/3	6:32	5:52
MON. 3/4	6:30	5:53
TUE. 3/5	6:29	5:54
WED. 3/6	6:28	5:55

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 2/28	10:53PM	1:39AM
FRI. 3/1	11:39PM	2:41AM
SAT. 3/2	12:36PM	3:40AM
SUN. 3/3	1:42PM	4:32AM
MON. 3/4	2:55PM	5:17AM
TUE. 3/5	4:12PM	5:55AM
WED. 3/6	5:30PM	6:28AM

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2/19	2/27	3/7	3/13

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	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	11:15	5:05	11:50	5:35
Fri.	–	5:55	12:05	6:25
Sat.	12:40	6:50	1:00	7:15
Sun.	1:30	7:40	1:50	8:10
Mon.	2:25	8:35	2:45	9:05
Tues.	3:20	9:30	3:40	10:00
Wed.	4:15	10:20	4:30	10:50
Thurs.	5:05	11:10	5:20	11:35

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